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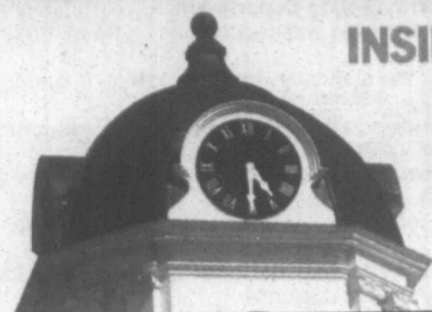


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Tobacco companies, states fight over owed money

BY NANCY ZUCKERBROD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco companies are withholding more than \$700 million that the states contend is owed to them this year under a landmark legal settlement.

No. 2 cigarette maker R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. paid the states about \$1.4 billion but withheld \$647 million, putting that in a "disputed payments account," Reynolds general counsel Charles Blixt said Monday.

He said the company was playing by the rules of the agreement. "This is the mechanism by which we withhold money," he said.

Blixt said his company believes it does not have to pay the extra \$647 million, because of a provision in the deal that allows the cigarette makers to pay less if they have lost market share to smaller companies that weren't part of the settlement.

An economic consulting firm concluded last month that the agreement, which set marketing limits on the companies and required payments to states, was a "significant factor" contributing to the loss of market share.

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TOWER TRAINING: Murray Fire Department firefighters Ronnie Dawson, Greg Fuqua and Kevin Munsey participate in general training with the department's tower truck Monday afternoon. Firefighters and several of the trucks were at the former Piggly Wiggly grocery store parking lot for the exercises.

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Lecture to focus on higher ed, politics

MSU News Bureau

Dr. Thomas Layzell, president of the Kentucky Council on Post Secondary Education, will present the keynote address at the 2006 Harry Lee Waterfield Distinguished Lecture Series.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of Murray State University.



Layzell

This marks the 30th anniversary of the annual program. Held in the Curris Center Theatre, the program is open to everyone on campus as well as regional community members.

"The Future of Higher Education and State Politics in Kentucky" is the title of Layzell's address.

A native of Illinois, Layzell brings expertise gained from serving in top ranking higher education positions that spans three states. Prior to being named Kentucky's CPSE president, he served as Mississippi's Commissioner of Higher Education from 1995-2003.

A graduate of Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., Layzell earned both a juris doctorate in law and masters of arts of public administration from

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Murrayan wins national bodyshaping challenge

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

A Murray State University graduate assistant and facilitator of Martial Arts America's Character Count's Challenge has been named national winner of the program's Ultimate Bodyshaping Course competition.

Brian Siddens, 28, a Santa Monica, Calif., native now working as a graduate assistant in journalism and mass communication at MSU, lost 39 pounds during the past 10 weeks as part of the get-fit program

to take the honors.

"My parents didn't even recognize me when they saw me," Siddens said, noting his past efforts at losing weight had failed until he got serious about his condition. "I finally determined that I was going to get off my butt and do it and I did it. I dedicated myself and it worked."

He said there have been quite a few noticeable changes that have taken place in his life since he became a Christian and began martial arts training under his new friend Tung Dinh in January.

"The good things that

have happened to me lately began when I met Master Dinh and then Jesus Christ ... and it just keeps on coming," he said.

As a national winner, Siddens is awarded a four-day, three-night cruise vacation from the port of Cancun, Mexico. Along with vacation package, he will also receive an as-yet-unannounced cash award.

"Whatever it is I'll use that money to pay for college," he said, noting that he is now working on a master's degree in mass communication. "I'm not really sure right now how much I'll get. I'll have to

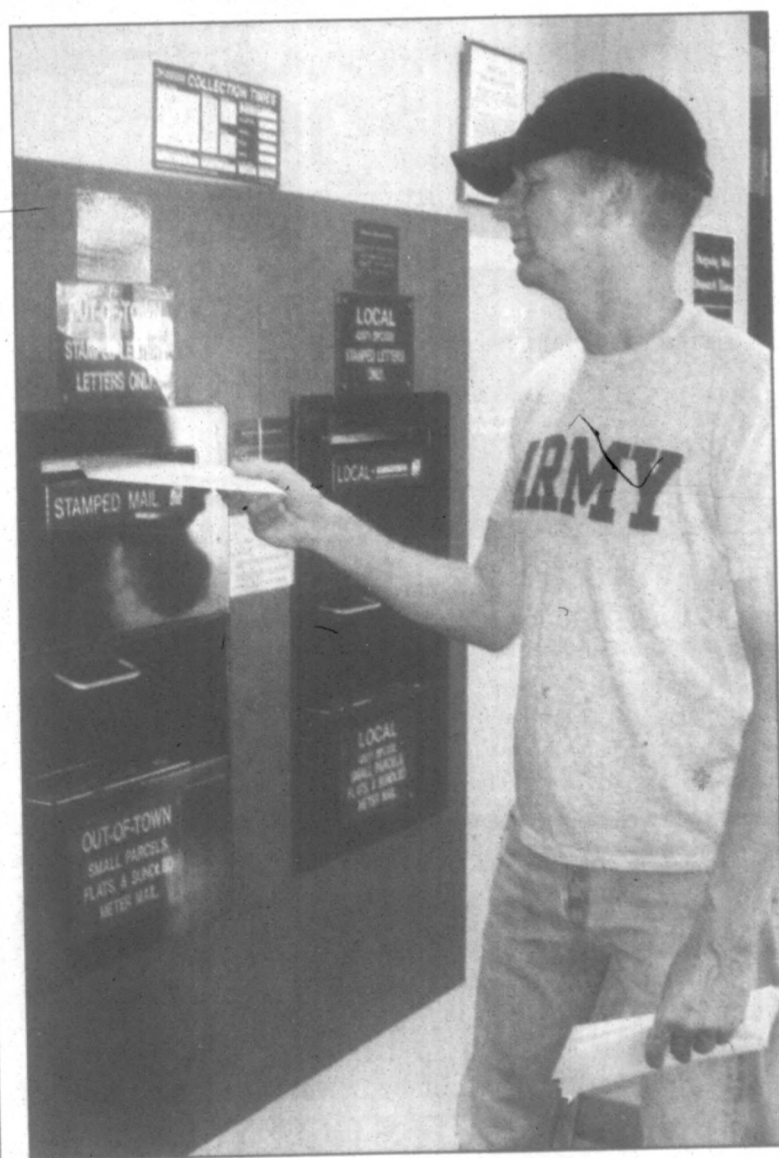
check that out."

He is the third national winner to come from Murray. Jennifer Lewis won in 2002 and Sharon Wilson won in 2003.

Siddens will be officially honored during a ceremony at MSU's Wellness Center at 8 p.m. Thursday where the body-shaping program is in progress.

As a participant of Dinh's Character Count's Challenge-UBC competition, Siddens is also allowed 10 entries into a drawing to win a black Ford

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TAX TIME: Jamie Harrell of Murray takes advantage of the extended Monday deadline to mail off taxes. Several local residents were at the Murray Post Office Monday afternoon mailing their documents.

Military action vs. Iran still on table

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today that "all options are on the table" to prevent Iran from developing atomic weapons, but said he will continue to focus on the international diplomatic option to persuade Tehran to drop its nuclear ambitions.

"We want to solve this issue diplomatically and we're working hard to do so," Bush told reporters in the Rose Garden.

Bush also said there should be a unified effort involving countries "who recognize the danger of Iran having a nuclear weapon," and he noted that U.S. officials are working closely nations such as Great Britain,

France and Germany on the issue."

As Bush spoke, diplomats from six countries converged in Moscow to map out the next step toward solving the Iranian nuclear standoff. The United States and Britain say that if Iran does not comply with the U.N. Security Council's April 28 deadline to stop uranium enrichment, they will seek a resolution that would make the demand compulsory but Russia and China remain wary of sanctions.

Bush said he intends to call on Chinese President Hu Jintao to step up pressure on Iran when the two leaders meet Thursday at the White House.

Iran has so far refused to give up uranium enrichment, which the

United States and some of its allies suspect is meant to produce weapons. Tehran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Bush was asked if his administration was planning for the possibility of a nuclear strike against Iranian nuclear facilities.

"All options are on the table," he said.

On another topic, Bush said "I strongly deplore" Monday's attack in Tel Aviv, the deadliest suicide bombing in 20 months. Israel's leaders held the Hamas-led Palestinian Authority responsible for the attack, but stopped short of ordering a large-scale military operation.

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UK president revises staff, faculty raises

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — University of Kentucky staff members would receive a higher merit pay raise under a revised university budget proposal than first planned, university President Lee Todd said Monday.

Both faculty and staff would receive average 3.5 percent raises under the plan, compared with 3 percent first proposed for staff and 5.5 percent initially planned for faculty.

Todd said the 2006-2007 budget proposal also includes additional considerations for faculty members, including a 0.5 percent fund to help retain faculty members who are being recruited by other schools.

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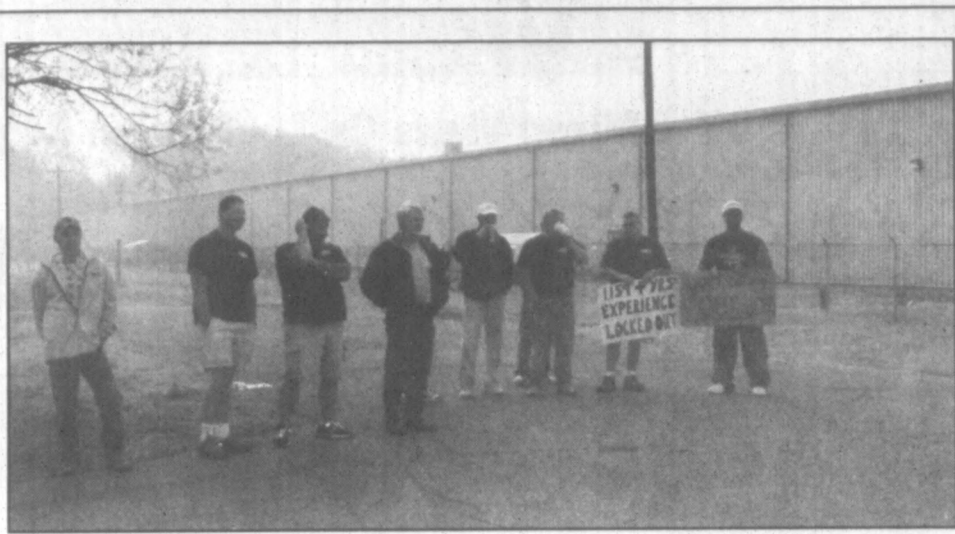
■ The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 today in the council chambers at city hall. The agenda includes a request to rezone residential property on North Fourth Street for commercial use, a public hearing for the proposed changes to the sign regulations and a public hearing to set the zoning for the proposed southwest annexation.

■ The Murray City Council finance committee will meet at 5:15 today on the first floor of city hall to continue its 2006-07 fiscal year budget discussions.

■ A meeting of Calloway County Fiscal Court has been scheduled for 7 tonight at the Weak Community Center. On the agenda for the meeting is the second reading of a proposed county animal control ordinance, board appointments, a resolution accepting a county road into the maintenance system, a courthouse fire alarm system, and a request concerning the city/county animal shelter.

■ The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at city hall. The agenda includes several variance requests for signs, fences and parking as well as two conditional use permit requests.

■ To report a Town Crier item, call 753-1916.



GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times

STATING THEIR CASE: More than 50 members of the United Steel Workers union #879 at Murray's Vanderbilt Chemical and Mineral Corp., lined the road leading to the plant Tuesday morning in a show of strength. The workers were locked out of the plant at midnight Feb. 3 when a contract between the two expired, according to Dwain Bell, president of the local union. Bell said there are no changes in the current status of negotiations.

Bodyshaping ...

From Front

Explorer to be given away to a local participant through the program.

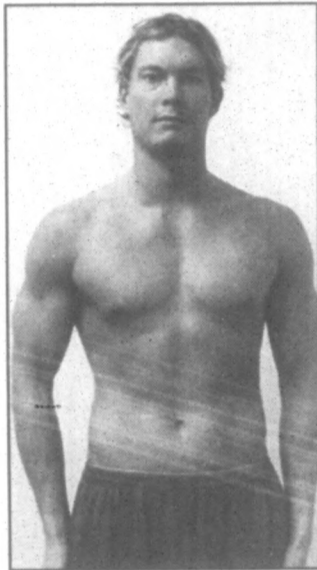
Dinh, owner-operator of Martial Arts America, said Siddens' accomplishment is very significant because students attending about 600 to 700 martial arts schools in the country are involved in the UBC program.

"It's quite an accomplishment," Dinh said. "This is also good for our school and our town because we will be in front of the national organization."

However Siddens said he has always been a little leery about boarding a cruise ship.

"It was kind of funny because I was just telling Master Dinh that one thing I never wanted to do was to go on a cruise because of the Titanic, but I'll definitely be going. I'll represent Martial Arts America and Murray and Kentucky," he said.

Before he came to Murray to attend and work at MSU, Siddens established an extensive background in television and film supervision. According to a resume, he provided technical assistance and support for Super Bowl XXXVIII, the "Nashville Star" television program, and the controversial political film



Brian Siddens
After

"Fahrenheit 9/11," as well as concert camera direction for the Dixie Chick's world tour, the Warner Bros. film "Lost in the USA," and many others.

Siddens said the formula for success in any avenue of life is the humility that comes from facing yourself and deciding to do better.

"Never compare yourself with other people, but compare yourself to yourself," he said.

Kirksey woman's death result of blunt trauma

Staff Report

An autopsy revealed internal injuries killed a 37-year-old Kirksey woman who was the passenger in a vehicle involved in a collision Saturday afternoon.

Tina L. Thibodeaux died from multiple blunt force trauma injuries because of a vehicle crash, Calloway County deputy coroner Ricky Garland said after an autopsy was performed at the state medical examiner's office Monday.

Thibodeaux was the passenger in the vehicle that Michael H. Morris, 35, who lives on Almo Road, was driving. Morris' vehicle and another, which was driven by Lukus Evans, 21, of Puryear, Tenn., collided head-on in front of the C-Mart Store in Hazel.

The collision was first reported at 3:41 p.m. Saturday, according to the Calloway County Sheriff's Department activity log. A caller told the dispatcher the woman had lost her pulse at 3:53 p.m., according to the log.

Garland pronounced Thibodeaux dead at 4:55 p.m. — after she was transported to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room.

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Murray Police Department

- Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported at 7:41 a.m. Friday at 1619-A Chris Drive.
- Someone came into the station to report an identity theft incident at 9:39 a.m. Friday.
- Extra patrol was requested after criminal mischief was reported at 12:38 p.m. Friday at 1410-A Diuguid Drive.
- A gas drive-off was reported at 5:53 p.m. Friday at the BP station on U.S. 641 North.
- Teresa Roach, 36, of Murray, was arrested Friday for first-degree burglary.
- An assault victim was at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room at 12:01 p.m. Saturday.
- Vandalism was reported at Rent-A-Center at 1:51 p.m. Saturday.
- Vandalism was reported at 804 N. 17th St. at 1:52 p.m. Saturday.
- A theft was reported at Family Dollar at 2:26 p.m. Saturday.
- Criminal mischief was reported at Goody's at 3:15 p.m. Saturday.
- Darlene Manning, 42, of Murray, was arrested for disorderly conduct and third-degree criminal mischief. Initially, an unwanted subject was reported at 1617 Miller St. at 7:27 p.m. Saturday. At that time, officers told Manning to stay inside the residence and if they received another complaint she would be arrested. Another complaint was received from 1620 Miller St. at 8:10 p.m. Manning was arrested at 8:13 p.m.
- An officer was at MCCH's emergency room at 11:08 p.m. Saturday in reference to an assault that occurred at The Keg.
- Caleb Staton, 27, of Murray, was arrested for disorderly conduct, third-degree assault, alcohol intoxication and resisting arrest after an out-of-control subject was reported at 1630 Hamilton Ave. at 2:45 a.m. Sunday.
- A theft was reported at 405 N. 18th St. at 7:10 p.m. Sunday.
- Andrew Broach, 24, of Murray, was arrested at 12:23 p.m. Monday after a shoplifting complaint was reported at Family Dollar 15 minutes earlier.
- A gas drive-off was reported at Mac's Fuel Express at 1:02 p.m. Monday.
- A gas drive-off was reported at the BP station on U.S. 641 North at 8:28 p.m. Monday.
- Rondal Shreve, 30, of Hopkinsville, and Kyle Klaus, 19, of O'Fallon, Ill., were arrested early Tuesday for alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct after police responded twice to noise complaints at 205 S. 15th St. An officer first responded at 1:37 a.m. and then a second complaint was received at 2 a.m. Murray State University Police Department
- People came into Public Safety to report vandalism to their vehicles at 4:48 p.m. Friday. The vandalism came occurred off campus, so the complaint was referred to the Murray Police Department.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- One juvenile stabbed another juvenile with a pen at 8:26 a.m. Friday at Calloway County High School. One male was arrested.
- A theft was reported at an Osborne Road house at 8:48 a.m. Saturday. A cleaner was stolen out of a trailer parked in the front yard.
- An injury crash was reported at 3:33 p.m. Saturday. One vehicle went off the road and flipped over in a field about two miles down Cooks Store Trail. EMS, Murray Fire Department rescue truck and Calloway County Fire-Rescue were notified. Kentucky State Police worked the crash, which ended up not involving injuries.
- A motorcycle crash Saturday injured the driver and passenger. Bernard Liss, 69, of Union City, Ind., was traveling eastbound on Ky. 1828 on at 1996 Honda Gold Wing when a gust of wind forced the motorcycle off the left side of the road. Both Liss and his passenger — Judy Liss, 64 — were taken to Murray-Calloway County Hospital with minor injuries. Specifically, Judy has a possible hip injury and Bernard complained of chest pain.
- Extra patrol was requested because of vandalism at Coles Campground Church at 8:11 p.m. Saturday.
- A burglary through a window was reported at 11:06 p.m. Saturday at a Cohoon Road location. A third-degree criminal mischief case was opened.
- A gun was found on the road at Bull Frog Campground at 3:51 p.m. Sunday. The owner of the weapon was contacted and a wanton endangerment report was taken.

Calloway County Fire-Rescue

- A small brush fire was reported on Tina Drive at 9:46 a.m. Friday. The state forestry service handled the blaze. The same fire was reported burning again at 8:47 a.m. Saturday.
- A fire was reported on Old Lynn Grove Road at 6:12 p.m. Friday.
- A brush fire was reported out of control at 8:14 p.m. Friday at Lax Road and Cypress Trail.
- A fire was reported on the left side of Airport Road at Tidwell Road at 6:15 p.m. Saturday. CCFR was notified.

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

Guardsman dies from combat wounds

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky National Guardsman died in a Lexington hospital from injuries he sustained while serving in Iraq last fall, the National Guard said Monday.

Master Sgt. Clinton Cubert of Lawrenceburg died Sunday at Lexington Veterans Affairs Hospital from wounds he suffered after a roadside bomb went off near the Humvee he was riding in as he patrolled near

Samarra on Sept. 11, 2005.

Cubert, 38, was assigned to the Kentucky National Guard's 2113th Transportation Company, based in Paducah.

Cubert is the 10th Kentucky Army National Guard soldier to die from combat in Iraq.

He is survived by his wife, Amy, and their daughters, Alisha and Sarah.

"Clinton was a great father, husband and soldier," Amy Cubert said.

Waterfield ...

From Front

The University of Illinois in Urbana. His professional career has included being named vice president for administration at Governors State University in University Park, Ill. and serving as staff member at the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He held the positions of deputy executive director and treasurer, and executive director of the Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities before completing a 10-year term as its chancellor.

Layzell served as president for the State Higher Education Executive Officers, as well as the National Association of System Heads. He is also a former member of the Council of Presidents of the Association of Governing Boards.

This annual lecture is named in honor of the late Harry Lee Waterfield, who grew up in Calloway County and graduated from Murray State in 1932. A distinguished figure in both private and public sectors,

Waterfield founded Investors Heritage Life Insurance Co. and was twice elected lieutenant governor of Kentucky. During his lifetime, he made many contributions to Murray State University as a member of the board of regents and chairman of the MSU Foundation board of trustees.

Because of his generosity, scholarships are awarded to academically successful students in political science and public administration who plan to pursue careers in state and local government or a related field. Thousands of dollars have been donated by him and his friends for departmental scholarships to be awarded in his name.

The lecture is sponsored by the department of government, law and international affairs in the college of humanities and fine arts. The series is also sponsored in part by Pi Sigma Alpha (honorary political science society) and the Student Law Association.

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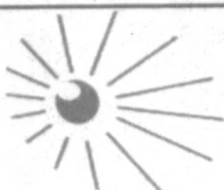
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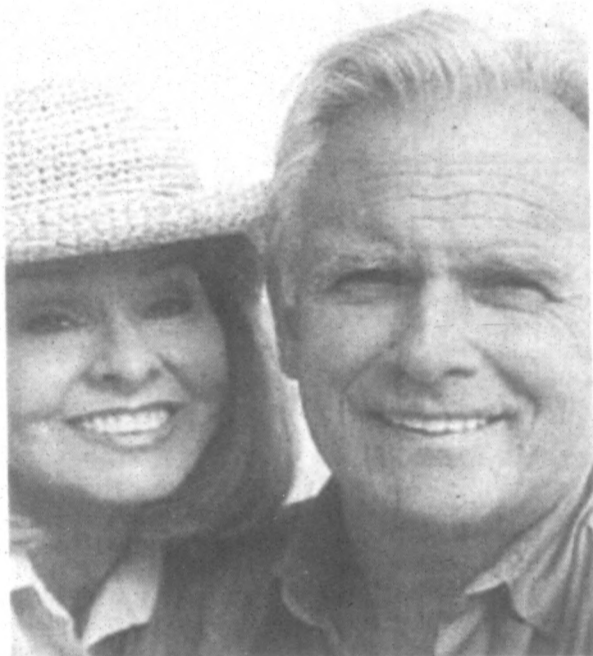
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Northern exposure

My father was from Canada, born and raised in St. John, New Brunswick. After serving in the Army during World War I, he came to the United States and stayed for the rest of his life. He seldom talked about his native land, and lost contact with the siblings he left behind.



Main Street
By Constance Alexander
Local Columnist

All we ever knew about Canada was that, according to Daddy, it snowed so much he was forced to leave home by an upstairs window so he could snowshoe to school at St. Malachy's. He also talked about the Bay of Fundy, with its amazing reversing tides, but that is where his stories stopped.

Perhaps my father's reticence about his native land is what sparked my interest in the current exhibit at Paducah's Museum of the American Quilter's Society. "Canada Uncovered" shows quilts by Canadian artists that illustrate the immense diversity of our neighbor to the north. The beauty of the landscape, the remoteness of its icy northern reaches, the impact of industry and the importance of transportation are some of the topics showcased in this captivating display. Every season of the year is represented, and almost every age of history, going all the way back to the birth of the cosmos.

A spectacular triptych entitled "At Day's End" lures viewers to its colorful expanse. A country cottage nestles in the right-hand corner. As the sun rises over the mountains and the forest, the summer morning mist gives way to a glorious summer day in British Columbia. The quilter, Janet Armstrong, spent holidays here in childhood, and was inspired to re-create this beloved vista by using remnants of men's neckties.

"Those little bits of gorgeous fabric that serve no real purpose," she calls them. "I feel I put them to much better use, taking advantage of their bias cut to create organic fluid curves in a quilted landscape, and evoking for me a vivid memory..."

Walking through the gallery, visitors to the museum are likely to forget that the works of art are actually quilts. From a distance, they appear almost like paintings, but closer inspection reveals the painstaking workmanship and intricate piecings that create images like the one in "Snowy Owl Meet West Coast Totems."

In this work, another British Columbia quilter, Judy Farrow, has created a magnificent snowy owl aloft on a black background. As the owl ascends, shadowy shapes of other owls against an obsidian background bear witness.

"The Crooked Half-Mile" is representative of the many coastal villages of eastern Canada. The arrow-like shape of this hand-appliqued quilt begins where the bay meets ramshackle docks, and zigzags past waterfront sheds, snug seaside cottages and passes the local church. The journey ends on the outskirts of town, where the cemetery provides a resting place.

The railroad was pivotal to the settlement of Canada, and a crucial part of industrial development. Donna K. Young's "Railways in a Northern Land" follows the trail of a train traveling at night. The signal lights are cheerful beacons in a barren landscape where the engine chugs on in the blue-blackening cold.

The cold is a shimmering icy-blue in "Sunrise Over Igloo," a quilt by Shawna Lampi-Legaree, from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. The sky is layers of orange and topaz with ribbons of azure in between. Cheerful white and pale yellow light spills from the entrance to the igloo, beckoning the viewer inside.

Canada's urban side is examined in "The Forces of Nature," by Martha Brown from Pickering, Ontario. This quilt captures the image of the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec. The buildings' graceful curves ripple in bands of black, brown and beige, and the quilting shapes in the sides of the building hint at the fossils in the Alberta limestone from which it is constructed.

Each quilt in this exhibition warranted careful inspection and appreciation, but the one from St. John, New Brunswick, my father's birthplace, demanded special attention. Quilter Sandra Betts portrays the Bay of Fundy after a storm. The marshes are tangled and rain-lashed, and the trees still sway with the memory of fierce winds. A few gulls float in the luminescent sky, an effect achieved by using layers of taffeta.

The exhibition "Canada Uncovered" will be on view at the Quilting Museum until July 9. For more information, call 270-442-8856, or log on to www.quiltmuseum.org. The Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtpoint (CQA/ACC) loaned the quilts. More information about that organization is available at www.canadianquilter.com.

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OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,

As a chiropractor who has seen my own patients overcome chronic and debilitating pain to lead healthy and happy lives, I know how critical prevention and proper treatment are to many families. Musculoskeletal problems, like back pain and headaches, keep millions of Americans away from work or unable to perform simple, everyday tasks. And many of these patients find relief only through chiropractic care.

Yet a bill working its way through Congress could take critical health care benefits -- like prenatal care, cancer screenings and chiropractic treatment -- away from many hard-working Americans and their families.

The Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act, or Senate bill 1955, would enable health insurers to bypass existing state consumer protection laws, resulting in the loss of critical health coverage that millions of Americans have come to depend on.

The bill would eliminate key health care benefits, including screenings for breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate cancer, well-child care, maternity care, emergency services, mental health care, and diabetes supplies and education.

The full Senate could vote on S.1955 during the first week of May. I strongly urge Senators Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning to stand up for the people of Kentucky and vote against this legislation. I also urge readers to contact the

Senators and express their concern over this piece of legislation.

We all want to make health care more affordable. But by taking away basic health care coverage we depend on, our Senators will be doing more harm than good.

Sincerely,
Teri A. Prince, D.C.
Murray, Ky.

presenting the news in a professional fashion given the years of experience that she has.

Frankly, I'm a little surprised that in 2006 the issue of a well-rounded woman as the anchor of a nightly newscast is even an issue.

Sincerely,
Sarah Jones
Murray, Ky.

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the cartoon featured in the newspaper (April 10) which depicted Katie Couric alongside Tony Danza and Oprah Winfrey as the comical future news anchors at other networks.

While Tony Danza might be a ridiculous choice for a news anchor, categorizing Oprah Winfrey or Katie Couric in a similar matter is unfair.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't Katie Couric the NBC Pentagon correspondent during the original Desert Storm? And didn't Oprah start her career as a co-anchor of nightly news in Nashville and then Baltimore before going to "A.M. Chicago" which ultimately became her current show?

Had Matt Lauer, who does the same share of fluff segments as Katie, been chosen as the new CBS anchor, would there have been a similar cartoon?

As a woman I can't help but be proud of Katie Couric for reaching this pinnacle in her career and equally dismayed by the public reaction. I'm sure she is perfectly capable of

To the Editor,

The planned hog farm is in my neighborhood (near Brewers in Marshall County). Those of you who think the farm does not concern you should think again. If one hog farm is in operation in Western Kentucky others will follow. The next one may be next door to you. The value of your property could drop almost overnight.

Since we live in an area with heavy storms and tornadoes, there will be runoff from these farms and the land fertilized by the manure. Our groundwater may be contaminated. How many of you depend on well water?

Now comes the economy. Many people in Western Kentucky depend on the tourist industry. I sincerely doubt that people will be waiting in line to spend their vacation dollars in an area that reeks of hog manure.

What is now one hog farm will become a disaster for the entire area. Anyone who doubts this should visit North Carolina. Please help stop this.

Wanda Wilks
Brewers, Ky.

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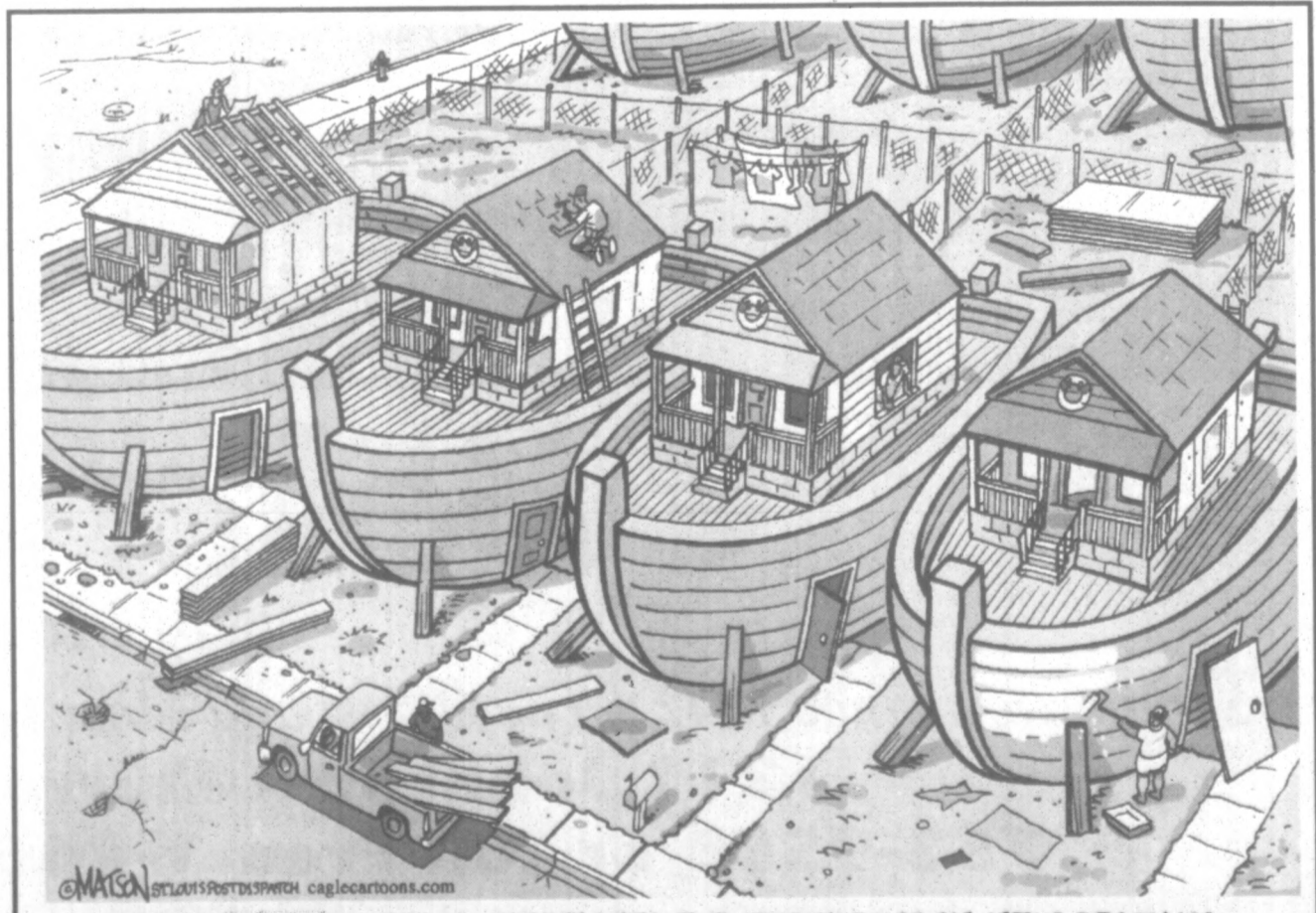
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Obituaries

Mrs. Augusta Nancy Anderson Radford

Mrs. Augusta Nancy Anderson Radford, 88, Sugar Creek Road, Cerulean, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at 1:15 p.m. at her home. A homemaker, she was a member of Cave Spring Baptist Church, Cerulean, where she was a former Sunday school teacher. Her husband, Charles Lee Radford, one son, one foster daughter, five sisters, two brothers and two great-grandchildren all preceded her in death. Born Aug. 11, 1917, in Stewart County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Sandy Anderson and Rosie Smith Anderson. Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Rosie Lee Tandy, Owensboro, Mrs. Charletter Ellis, Murray, Mrs. Marsha A. Gee, Hopkinsville, and Ms. Sherry Radford and Ms. Trenia Radford, both of Cerulean; one brother, Lois Anderson, Memphis, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Gamble Funeral Home, Hopkinsville. Rev. M.L. Radford will officiate. Burial will follow in the McCarroll Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Cerulean. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Mrs. Elaine Holcomb

The funeral for Mrs. Elaine Holcomb will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. John Dale will officiate. Singing will be by Glendale Road Church of Christ singers. Pallbearers will be Don L. Overbey, Robert Overbey, Walter Byars, T.G. Curd Jr., John Richard Salmon and Bobby Hall. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Tuesday). Mrs. Holcomb, 86, Diuguid Drive, Murray, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at 8:15 a.m. in the Murray-Calloway County Hospital long-term care unit. She was a member of Glendale Road Church of Christ. Born April 17, 1919, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Joe Brandon and Bertie Wells Brandon. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Barrett and husband, Alex, Hazel, and Mrs. Pat Hocking, Newport Beach, Calif.; four grandchildren, Kevin Barrett, Murray, Dal Barrett and wife, Laurie, Lexington, Brian Hocking and wife, Renee, Corona, Calif., and Kelly Sandoval and husband, Rob, Norco, Calif.; seven great-grandchildren.

Pat A. Shackelford

The funeral for Pat A. Shackelford will be today (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Paducah. Mitchell Covington and Jamey Boone will officiate. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation is now at the funeral home. Mr. Shackelford, 73, Lone Oak, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at 1:37 p.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah. A retired chief chemist for the Paducah Louisville Railroad with 35 years of service, he was a member of Lone Oak Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Born in Murray, he was the son of the late Oury Alvin Shackelford and Lucille Wilcox Shackelford. Two brothers also preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Shirley Murdock Shackelford; one daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Ann Shackelford Pace and husband, Gary, Calvert City; one sister, Mrs. Barbara Shackelford Erwin, Knoxville, Tenn.; one grandson, Shane C. Pace, Paducah; three step-grandchildren, Scott Edward Pace and Shannon Renee Moore, both of Calvert City, and Ryan Pace, Paducah; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; one niece; one nephew.

Fletcher opts out of Florida real estate deal, has other interests

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher has withdrawn as an investor in two Florida condominium developments but has other real estate investments in the Sunshine State.

Fletcher announced the business deals Monday afternoon in a news conference at which he released his annual financial disclosure statement.

The Florida deals he withdrew from partnered him with former Kentucky Republican Party treasurer Dave Disponett of Lawrenceburg, Russell Springs building contractor Stephen Branscum and University of Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith.

Fletcher said he had chosen investments outside Kentucky to avoid the appearance of conflicts of interest. However, the issue arose anyway because Branscum's construction company has worked on state-funded projects to build courthouses and schools.

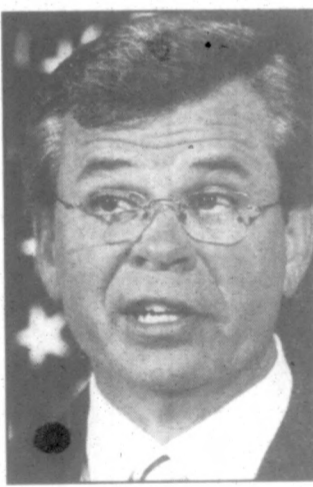
That's why Fletcher said he opted out of the deals.

"I don't want any hint of impropriety, and believe me there was none," Fletcher said Monday.

Fletcher's investments were listed in the annual disclosure report filed with the state Executive Branch Ethics Commission on Monday. All executive branch officials are required to list businesses in which they own an interest of at least \$10,000. Missing from Fletcher's statement this year were investments of \$42,600 in Bluegrass Investors LLC and \$55,000 in Sanctuary Investors LLC, both of Destin, Fla. Those were the businesses he divested from.

In the Monday news conference, Fletcher said he opted out of the ventures in June. He said he received "virtually" the same amount that he had invested in the project.

Since then, he has invested in



Gov. Ernie Fletcher

three other Florida condominium developments, none of which, he said, involves anyone with ties to state government. The new condo investments were with Louisville native Larry Becker, who is managing the projects.

Becker's companies, as listed on the financial disclosure form, are EL Properties LLC of Destin; Jaguar Properties of Jackson, Tenn.; and Exquisite Management Co. of Destin. Fletcher said the money he put into the investments — \$160,000 to \$170,000 — came from the sale of two homes, one in Lexington and one in Washington.

"There should be no concern about even the perception of impropriety here at all," Fletcher said.

Records of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance show that Branscum contributed \$3,000 to Fletcher's 2003 campaign for governor and \$5,000 to Fletcher's inaugural committee. Last year, Fletcher appointed Branscum to a seat on the UK board of trustees. Disponett has contributed at least \$13,000 to Kentucky Republican committees and candidates since 2002.

Tragedy, danger among youth behind state move to adopt ATV helmet law

EVARTS, Ky. (AP) — Richard Pace thinks too many kids get hurt riding all-terrain vehicles. And he thinks a new law that will require youngsters under 16 to strap on helmets is a good idea.

Even so, 12-year-old Richard says you won't ever catch him wearing one: "It's just not cool."

His attitude toward helmets is indicative of those of other kids, whose mouths say "We should wear them," but sly grins hint "Maybe we won't."

The bill was narrowly approved in the final days of the General Assembly session, which ended Wednesday. The proposal, which would take effect July 11, now awaits the signature of Gov. Ernie Fletcher. Spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker said he will sign the bill into law.

The measure took a winding path through the General Assembly and ended up as part of safety legislation that protects children from lead poisoning and allows police to stop motorists suspected of not wearing seat belts.

Meanwhile, a tragedy while the legislature was debating ATV helmets highlighted the dangers to youngsters. A 14-year-old died March 19 in a wreck of a four-wheeler in western Kentucky. Another teen was seriously injured in the crash. Neither was wearing a helmet.

The ATV law would put Kentucky in line with 26 other states that have some sort of helmet rule for ATV users, according to 2005 data by the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America.

Kentucky has one of the fastest growing death rates for ATV users, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Between 2002 and 2004, Kentucky had the highest number of ATV-related deaths nationwide, with 106.

About a third of ATV-related deaths and injuries in the U.S. involve children under 16, said commission spokesman Scott Wolfson.

Despite the statistics, the Kentucky law will likely meet resistance in areas where four-wheeling has become a natural part of growing up, said Michele Finn, a lobbyist for the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky.

"It's a cultural change," Finn said. "Once it's around for a while and people realize we're



Gail Balance uses one of her three All Terrain Vehicles to herd cattle on her farm Thursday four miles north of Bowling Green. A law that passed the General Assembly requires ATV riders under age 16 to wear helmets on private or public property.

“... It will change the culture of riding ATVs a lot - especially for kids.”



— Michele Finn
lobbyist, Brain Injury Association of Kentucky

serious about it, it will change the culture of riding ATVs a lot — especially for kids.”

Young riders, like 13-year-old Kristie White, of Evarts, said they've been cruising on ATVs for as long as they can remember — and insist they drive safely.

"It's our life to ride," Kristie said, adding that she initially was annoyed when her father started talking about buying her a helmet.

Her friends say helmets are "goofy looking," but White came around when she realized, "it was for my best."

Kentucky already required ATV riders to wear helmets while on public roads. But a list of exemptions for situations such as people doing farm work made enforcement tough. Those exemptions would still apply to adults.

Kids caught riding without

helmets would cost their parents \$20-\$50 in fines, but law enforcement officers say the law is more about safety than punishment.

State police spokeswoman Maj. Lisa Rudzinski said officers would only take action against violators on public roads and trails, while some local agencies said they would issue warnings if they observe kids riding without helmets on private property.

Evarts Assistant Police Chief Mike Boggs said he expects some folks to dismiss helmets at first. But, "after a few citations, word will get out and they'll abide," he said.

"It's a safety issue for the kids," he added.

Finn agreed, saying she doesn't expect officers to monitor four-wheeling on private proper-

ty, but hopes the growing number of public trails in Kentucky will encourage riders to follow the helmet rule. "It would give parents an arm to get kids to wear helmets," she said.

Patsy Roark can be seen taking late afternoon rides on her ATV with her 13-year-old and 7-year-old daughters driving an identical four-wheeler behind her.

Roark, 30, said she's always thought her kids should wear helmets, but "we just haven't gotten around to getting one."

Four-wheeling is an important part of spending time with her kids — so much so, that when 7-year-old Katelyn fell off an ATV driven off an embankment with her aunt, she was encouraged to hop back on with-in weeks.

"Here in Harlan, there isn't much for kids to do. This is something we can do with them," Roark said.

"(Katelyn) was scared at first" after the wreck," she added, "but she got back on it just like anything else."

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Trivia Night information session scheduled

Team captains, members and people interested are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the Murray Main Street Trivia Night event. The session will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on April 25 in the social hall of First United Methodist Church. Light snacks will be provided.

Darrel McFerron, a volunteer for Murray Main Street said, "I have seen what great fun this event promises. My son, John, and his wife Trudy, who are assisting us with this event, have hosted Trivia Nights in Wisconsin and Missouri for the past several years."

"All have been met with initial enthusiasm and then grown in proportion in successive years", he continued. "In addition to being fun for teams of families and/or friends, the event is a great team-building exercise for businesses and corporations. We hope to have as many as 50 teams of 8 people each involved", he concluded.

The Murray Main Street Trivia Night is scheduled for May 13 in the Curris Center ballroom on the Murray State University campus. For more information, call (270) 759-9474.

The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it.

-C.C. Scott



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PINEWOOD DERBY: Cub Scout Pack 73 held its Pinewood Derby with each Den Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos receiving a first, second and third place trophy, the tag a longs, brothers and sisters and adults received a blue ribbon in their class, and everyone received a Pinewood Derby Patch. Pictured are all of the Cub Scouts that received trophies and tag a longs with Paul Rister, Webelos leader who supervised the event.

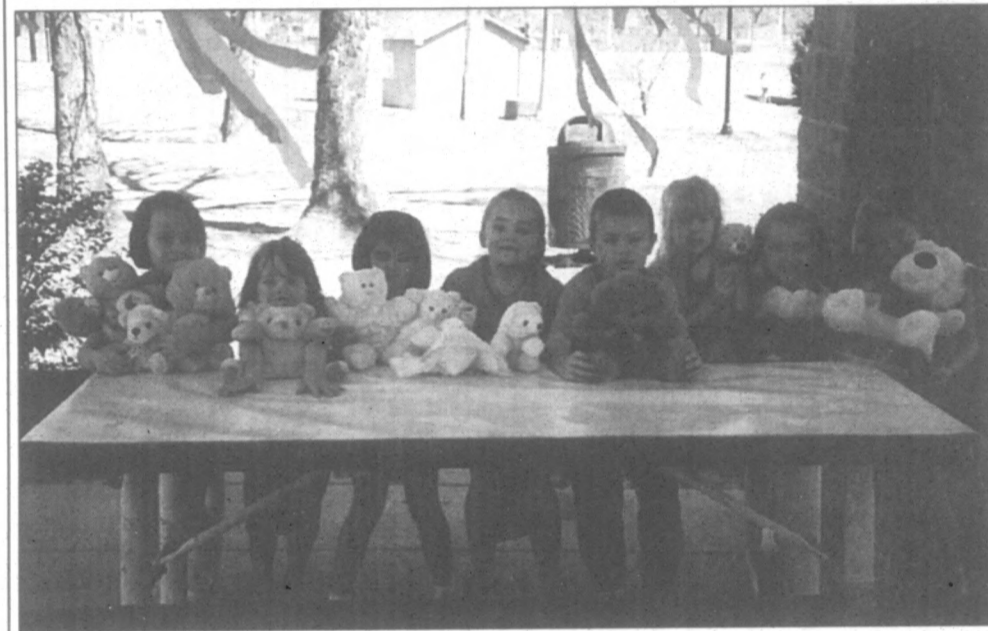


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BIRTHDAY PARTY: Alexis Fortner celebrated her sixth birthday at Murray Chestnut Park by asking her guests to bring toy stuffed bears in lieu of gifts with over 25 received and donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) to be given to child victims or witnesses involved in the court system. Pictured, from left, Hanna Franklin, Samantha Reardon, Mia Boreo, Katheryn Pressly, Ethan Culp, Kristin Scott, Alexis Fortner and Hannah Edminster. Not pictured are Dan Jackson, Tori Doughty and Charlie Gannon.

'Murray in Motion' week started here on Monday



"Mrs. Kentucky" Heather Hall and the Fit Youth Team of Murray-Calloway County Hospital encourages families to score high of family fitness by performing 30 minutes of physical activity each day of this week.

Students of pre-school through eighth grade will be given a "Murray In Motion" scorecard to record their activities. Students and families are invited to turn in the completed scorecards on Saturday at the celebration to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Regional Special Events Center at Murray State University.

Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

There will be fun activities for all, including opportunities to win door prizes. The 2006 Kids' Summer Community calendar will also be available at the celebration. For more information call Keena Miller at 762-1348.

MCCH blood drive Wednesday

Murray-Calloway County Hospital Blood Bank will have a special blood drive on Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the University Church of Christ. For more information call the blood bank at 762-1119.

Tiger Booster Club to meet

Murray Tiger Booster Club will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Murray High School. All officers, sports representatives, parents and other persons are encouraged to attend.

CCMS Council will meet

Calloway County Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the media center. Discussed will be the 2006-2007 master schedule and accelerated classes.

CCHS Project Graduation plans event

Calloway County High School Project Graduation will have a rebate day all day Wednesday at Sirlain Stockade. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the group.

Stroke/Brain Injury Group to meet

Murray Stroke/Brain Injury Support Group will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the MCCH Center for Health and Wellness classroom. Leah Hart will speak about "Vocational Rehab After Stroke or Brain Injury." For information contact Cheryl Crouch at 762-1557.

Thursday TOPS Club will meet

Thursday TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Club will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. The meeting is open to the public. For information call Marge Andrews at 753-7732.

Open singing Thursday

Open singing will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Coldwater United Methodist Church.

CCMS meetings today

Calloway County Middle School PTO will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the media center for an important discussion on accelerated classes. Later at 6:30 p.m. the I-Safe training will take place which is information for parents about Internet bullying and predators. Parents are encouraged to not bring your children because of the graphic content of the program. The training is free and open to the public.

Lodge 138 to meet tonight

Hazel Woodmen of the World Lodge 138 will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at the Harmon building on C.C. Lowry Drive, off North Fourth Street, Murray. The HORSE Project will be the program. A barbecue meal will be catered with members to bring desserts.

Music Department will meet

Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have the Middle and High school Instrumental music contests tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the club house.

MHS Project Graduation plans promotion

Murray High School Project Graduation will have a rebate night today from 5 p.m. to close at Mr. Gatti's. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the group.

Alumni Association will meet

The Alumni and Associates of Calloway County Schools will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at Pagliai's. The topic for discussion will be the annual promotion sale. All members are urged to attend.

Quilt Lovers will meet

Quilt Lovers of Murray will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Calloway Public Library. Janeen Sutton will present a demonstration of Celtic Appliqué. The room will be open by 5:30 p.m.

Southwest meeting today

Southwest Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today at 4 p.m. in the counselor's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Al-Anon meeting tonight

Al-Anon will meet tonight 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 tonight

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet tonight 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.

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"Rosie the Riveter" was World War II's best-known female icon, who went to work in the factories during World War II. Rose Will Monroe (1920-1997), a native of Pulaski County, Ky., portrayed Rosie in the film.

Monroe is portrayed by Angela Bartley, an actress, dancer and musician and honors graduate of the University of Louisville.

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"Customers are looking for partner companies that can bridge the gap between their business demands and technology capabilities. They need to trust in someone that can act as an expert adviser for their long-term strategic technology plans. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners, which have certified expertise and direct training and support from Microsoft, can build a positive customer experience with our technologies," said Allison Watson, vice president of the Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp.

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"We place tremendous value on our partners, who help us deliver solutions and applications to customers," said Wat-

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The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in Decem-

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Murray State is recipient of Tablet PC Technology proposal

Microsoft Research recently announced the recipients of \$1.2 million in funding for academic research that focuses on how technology can unlock the potential of people in underserved communities by making computing affordable, accessible and relevant. The 17 winners of the Digital Inclusion request for proposals represent teaching universities from 10 countries, including China, India, Pakistan, Uruguay and the United States.

The company also announced the 11 recipients of the \$500,000 Tablet PC Technology, Curriculum and Higher Education requests for proposal. Murray State University is among those recipients.

A team of faculty members from Murray's college of science, engineering and technology participated in the grant. Principal investigator was Ricky Cox, associate professor of chemistry. Collaborators includ-

ed faculty members James Rogers and Ted Thiede, physics and engineering; Maeve McCarthy, Renee Fister and Ted Porter, mathematics and statistics, and Terry Derting, biological sciences.

The winning proposals focused on using the Microsoft® Tablet PC to enrich the classroom experience for instructors and students across all disciplines. "We work with academic researchers worldwide to tackle technological challenges to positively affect health, education and socioeconomic conditions," said Sailesh Chutani, director of the External Research & Programs group of Microsoft Research. "Whether pushing toward digital inclusion on a global scale with underserved communities or enhancing computing curriculum for higher education in developed countries, we have a vision of enabling all people to have the opportunity and the skills to harness technol-

MSU to host Entrepreneurial Fair

Murray State University's Center for Economic Education is providing area elementary and junior high school students with the opportunity to gain a better understanding of economics and showcase their business ideas. The first annual Entrepreneurial Fair will be held at Murray State University in the Curtis Center Ballroom on May 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participating students will prepare for the fair by studying economics, identifying a business opportunity, completing a basic business plan, estimating production costs, developing a marketing and advertising plan, displaying their product or service and presenting their business idea to the judges. These lessons and exercises are designed provide the students with a valu-

able learning experience in economics and business.

Participation is limited to 40 students per school. Interested teachers should express their interest by Friday.

More information on the event can be found by visiting <http://www.econ.org/entrepreneurs>. Other questions may be sent via email by fair@murraystate.edu, or by calling (270) 556-2113.

gy's rewards."

The announcements underscore Microsoft's ongoing commitment to investing in innovative research, collaborating with academic institutions and governments to advance education, cultivating the next generation of IT leaders and partnering to build knowledge economies. By providing one of the largest academic requests for proposal programs in the IT industry, the company con-

tinues to search for innovative solutions to today's problems by engaging with academic researchers throughout the world.

The Tablet PC initiative awarded to Murray State will fund curriculum development and educational research projects that explore the impact of the tablet technology to help make teaching and learning more engaging and effective for instructors and students.

The winners will examine the effectiveness of tablet technology in traditional computing areas such as computer architecture, the design of user interfaces and real-time collaboration as well as noncomputing content projects such as nursing, business and engineering.

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology at Murray State will also be involved in the grant.

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With elections looming, lawmakers careful about backing bills

By JOE BIESK

Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher made the idea of opening up Kentucky's union shops to nonunion employees a hallmark of his 2006 legislative agenda.

Labor unions replied in force, boisterously jamming the state Capitol halls with some 2,000 blue-collar workers during his budget address. National labor leaders staged an even larger and more rambunctious rally on the Capitol's front steps on the day a House committee killed the governor's labor proposal.

So goes the legislative process — especially in an election year.

"Those folks that supported the governor's proposal on right to work will be held to task here as we get to the election cycle," said Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO. "It'll be an issue particularly for working folks and I don't think that they'll be looking very kindly on the folks that supported that issue."

Stakes are high this election cycle, as Democrats are trying to maintain or increase their 56-44 House advantage and Republicans are hoping to do the same in the Senate — a chamber their party now controls on a 21-16-1 count.

All 100 House seats and half of the 38 Senate seats are up for election.

Virtually every vote an incumbent lawmaker casts during a legislative session could weigh in on whether they get re-elected. Political opponents could use a lawmaker's votes against them, just as incumbents can showcase their records to constituents.

"The pressure is really, really heavy on us because everything we do people are watching us," Republican Rep. Lonnie Napier of Lancaster said. "And obviously we want to do the right thing. I think it's just the instinct of a person not to want to do anything to want to harm yourself about getting re-elected."

While elections may not be



AP
Union members and their supporters make up the majority of the crowd during a labor rally on the steps of the Capitol in Frankfort, Ky., March 7. Lawmakers who want the support of organized labor quickly stood against a proposal by Gov. Ernie Fletcher during the legislative session that would have weakened unions at factories across the state.

the sole basis of every decision lawmakers make, it does factor in "quite significantly," said Kendra Stewart, a political scientist at Eastern Kentucky University.

"The number one goal of legislators is to get re-elected," Stewart said. "A lot of them want to do that so they can go on and carry out the goals they think are important. But having that as a major goal, they certainly are considering that in every bill."

Elections influence the types of bills lawmakers discuss. And, lawmakers tend to focus on the best interests of their individual constituencies and not necessarily

the rest of the state, Stewart said.

"Election-year politics certainly played into the decisions that were made," Stewart said. "We see at every level of government, legislators want to sometimes not deal with the tougher issues."

That's one reason lawmakers focused on landing lucrative capital projects for their districts. Legislators sent Fletcher an \$18.1 billion state budget loaded with billions worth of authorized spending for local projects.

They range from sewer and water projects across the state to soccer field lights and money for

outdoor dramas. Kentucky would take on \$2.38 billion in additional state debt and Fletcher has said he may veto some projects to lower that amount.

Nevertheless, lawmakers look to bring in district projects. Many, like Napier, view that as their role in getting a return on constituents' tax dollars.

"It's not always the determinant factor whether you're going to get elected or not," Napier said. "But I would say that personally, myself, I would be highly disappointed if I couldn't bring things home for my district. I would feel like I was not doing my job."

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Tobacco ... From Front

The states' attorneys general say the companies would be entitled to a reduction only if states did not adequately enforce laws requiring cigarette makers outside the settlement to put money in escrow for future legal obligations.

Blixt said the cigarette makers are working together to try to resolve their disagreement with the states.

No. 3 cigarette maker Lorillard Tobacco Corp. is withholding \$108 million, and putting that in a disputed, escrow account, Blixt said. He said Lorillard was paying the states \$558 million. The payments were due Monday.

Industry leader Philip Morris USA said earlier this month it had made all of its \$3.4 billion payment, but that it too believes the sum eventually should be reduced.

Philip Morris spokesman Michael Neese said the company hoped it could negotiate an agreement with the states. "We're going to continue to strive for that resolution," Neese said.

If the negotiations don't lead to a resolution, Blixt said the issue should go to arbitration, in which a three-judge panel would weigh in on the matter. Blixt said the states would prefer the issue to be handled in state courts.

The National Association for Attorneys General declined comment Monday. Calls to attorneys general on the association's tobacco committee were not immediately returned.

There is a lag in annual payments to the states. The money owed this year actually deals with the companies' loss of market share in 2003. That year, the companies saw their share of the market drop to about 92 percent. Before the settlement, they had about 99 percent of the market.

"We're entitled to these adjustments," Blixt said, adding that states have become too dependent on the tobacco money for budgeting purposes. "States should not be spending money that they're not certain that they're going to get," he said.

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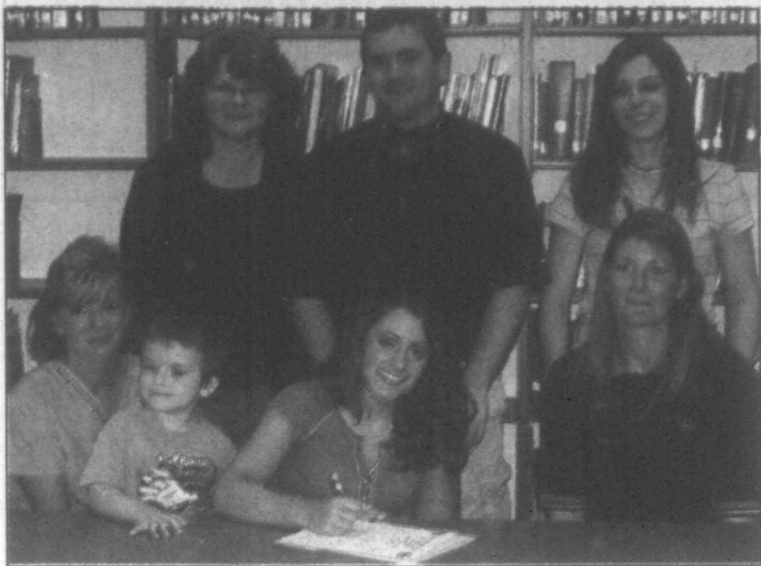
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Murray High School senior Megan Snow signs scholarship papers on Monday to attend Shawnee Community College next fall. Joining Snow for the signing are (seated, from left) her mother, Penny, her brother, Sam, Shawnee head coach Kim Palmer, (standing) Murray High Principal Teresa Speed, MHS softball coach Brent Lovett and assistant coach Emily Monroe.

Keys unlock Snow's future

LADY TIGER CATCHER SIGNS WITH SHAWNEE

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Hard work and determination have been the keys to Megan Snow's success on the softball field.

Those same qualities are what helped the Murray High senior earn a scholarship to continue that career at Shawnee Community College.

On Monday, Snow signed scholarship papers to attend the Ullin, Ill.-based school, where she will become the Saints' new catcher after five seasons in the same position at Murray High School.

"I really wanted to start at the junior-college level and play there for a couple of years," said Snow, just moments after making her college choice official by signing the necessary documents provided by Shawnee head coach

Kim Palmer, who was on-hand to welcome her newest player into the Saints' fold. "This way, I can decide if I really want to keep playing (after two years)."

Playing — and playing well — is what Snow has done plenty of in the past five years, helping the Lady Tigers reach unprecedented heights.

Snow's progression behind the plate has coincided with the evolution of the Murray High program into one of the First Region's best.

The program's ascension reached its zenith in 2003, when the Lady Tigers fashioned a 23-12 record, including their first-ever First Region championship and a berth in the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament.

The Lady Tigers have since leveled

off from that peak performance. However, Snow's game has not.

Playing the position her father, David, once played at Calloway County High School, Snow has turned into one of the region's best backstops.

"I wanted to be a catcher because that's the position my dad played," she explained. "He's really helped me out a lot by teaching me the position."

First-year Murray High head coach Brent Lovett said Snow's preparation and experience has been evident as a senior.

"She's a tremendous leader to everyone on our team," noted Lovett. "She's taken a couple of our younger girls under her wing and has really worked hard with them."

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OVC WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Major Turn Around



Photo Provided By MSU Sports Information

Murray State head coach Velvet Milkman looks on as Lady Racer Julie Bennett smacks a shot with her driver on the 14th tee during opening-round play in the OVC Women's Golf Championship Monday at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter.

LADY RACERS IN MUCH DIFFERENT POSITION THAN A YEAR AGO

By MSU Sports Information

LEDBETTER, Ky. — An old saying in golf — "You can't win the tournament on the first day, but you sure can lose it." — may have been in the back of the Murray State Lady Racers' minds as they played the first round of the 2006 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Golf Championship at the par 72, 6,178 yard Drake Creek Golf Course.

It was a year ago when Murray State shot a 341 and fell 20 shots off the lead and failed in its attempt to win an OVC

record fourth straight title.

On Monday, the team was solid from the first tee to the 18th green. The Lady Racers came home with a 314 and are eight shots behind leader Eastern Kentucky, which leads the eight-team field with a total of 306.

Jacksonville State sits in second at 310, followed by MSU, Eastern Illinois (326), Tennessee Tech (331), Samford (334), Austin Peay (335) and Tennessee State with a 355.

Iika Loubser led the way for the Lady Racers with a 76, a

round that included 14 pars. Loubser is in third-place tie with Leslie Booth and Kelli Warner of EKV.

Christi Baron came home with a first-round 77 and sits in sixth place. Julie Bennett carded a 79 and is in 14th position. Lauren Hughes' 82 was the fourth score for the Lady Racers. She is in 18th in the 40-player field.

Ashley Kelbough's score was the one that MSU threw out after she shot an 88. In NCAA golf, five players turn in scores and the top four count toward the team's total.

Murray State head coach Velvet Milkman was pleased with the way her team performed on the first day.

"I really liked the confidence we played with," Milkman said. "We went out and played our game. I thought everyone had some moments when things weren't going right, but they battled through it and finished well."

Murray State was scheduled to tee off with Jacksonville State, the defending OVC Champion, and Eastern Kentucky for second-round action early Tuesday morning.

MURRAY 12, PADUCAH TILGHMAN 2

Lady Tigers pound Paducah Tilghman

Staff Report

Host Murray High pounded out 16 hits in a 12-2 smashing of Paducah Tilghman in five innings of First Region prep softball action Monday afternoon at Lady Tiger Field.

Already leading 4-0, the Lady Tigers (3-8) exploded for seven runs on six hits while taking advantage of a Tilghman error in the bottom of the third inning. Jordan Huston's two-run home run was the big blow in the frame, as Murray turned the game into a full-fledged rout.

MHS went on to add one more run on an Amanda Winchester double in the fourth. The Lady Tigers got things going in the second inning, plating four runs on six hits.

Kaitlyn Carpenter paced the Murray offense by going 3-for-3 at the plate with three singles and two runs scored. Meagan Pember, Megan Snow, Caitlin Herrington, Shannon Elias and Amanda Winchester each had two hits for the Lady Tigers. Herrington, Elias and Winchester also added an RBI apiece.

That was plenty of offense for Murray starter Haley Thomason, who captured the victory by allowing no earned runs on five hits while striking out seven and walking four in five innings of work.

The Lady Tigers were scheduled to host crosstown

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ST. LOUIS 2, PITTSBURGH 1

Pujols saves day for St. Louis again

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Albert Pujols is so good and home runs come so naturally to him, he isn't even aware of the history he's making.

Pujols tied a major-league record by homering in his fourth consecutive at-bat to account for the St. Louis Cardinals' only runs in a 2-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

"I don't look at numbers," Pujols said. "I don't know. I didn't know anything about it until you guys (reporters) just brought it up. That's not me. I get locked in on seeing the ball and helping my team win and hopefully do some damage out there. And that's what I did today."

A day after hitting three homers, including a gamewinner, Pujols homered to center off Pirates starter Paul Maholm (0-2) in the top of the first to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

Pujols doubled in his next at-bat in the third and walked his next time up before flying out to left in the seventh.

"Nothing really surprises me about him anymore," said Cardinals starter Jason Marquis, who pitched eight innings of three-hit ball to win his third consecutive start. "Everyone knows he's the best hitter in the game and he has the ability to do some great things. It's fun to watch him on a daily basis, and I'm glad I don't have to throw to him."

BALLARD MEMORIAL 6, CALLOWAY COUNTY 3

Late rally lifts Lady Bombers

LADY LAKERS GIVE UP FOUR RUNS ON NO HITS

Staff Report

The Calloway County softball team's losing streak continued Monday, as the Lady Lakers fell to Ballard Memorial 6-3 Monday afternoon to fall to 0-4 on the season.

Ashton Futrell took the loss for the Lady Lakers. In relief of starter Allie Thompson, Futrell gave up four runs on no hits — all coming in the top of the third inning. Calloway committed two errors in the frame, as well.

Thompson pitched two innings,

giving up one run on three hits. Whitney Gardner closed out the contest, allowing one run on two hits in three innings of work.

Toree Rogers was Calloway's big stick at the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored. Megan Starks was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

After Ballard Memorial took a 1-0 lead in the first, the Lady Lakers came back to tie the game on a double by Rodgers. She later scored on a Lady Bomber error.

Calloway took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second, when Kaysin Hutching led the inning off with a single and later scored.

But Ballard Memorial scored its four runs in the top of the third inning to take a 5-2 lead.

Calloway's only other run came later, when Sam Butts led off with a single and was driven home by a Starks single.

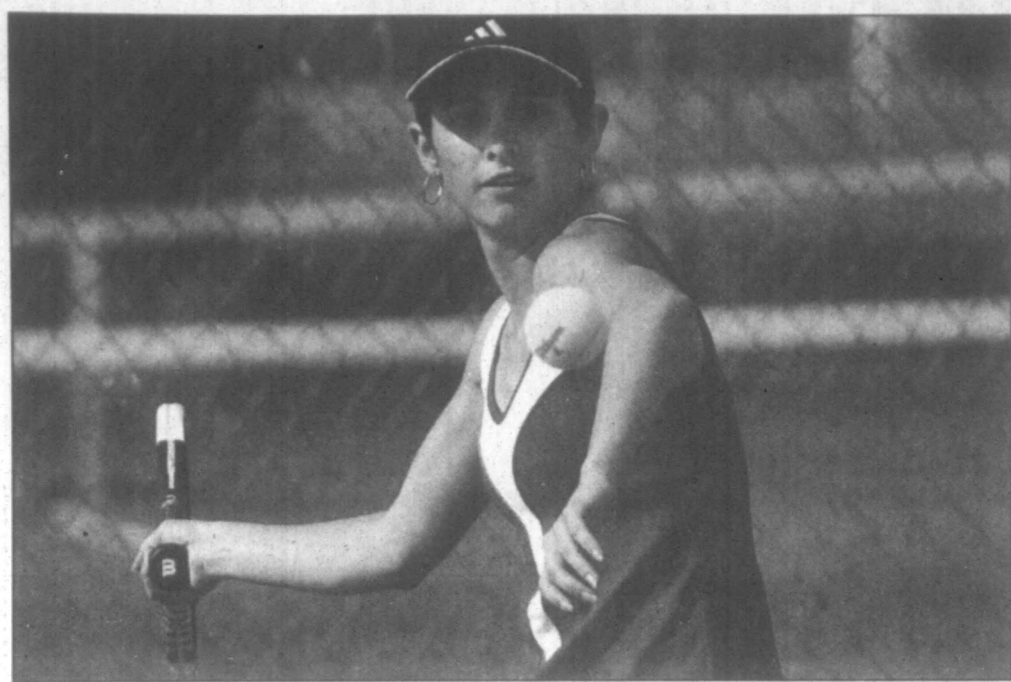
The Lady Lakers were scheduled to play at crosstown rival Murray High today.



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times

Calloway County first baseman Kayla Cunningham tries to put a tag down on Ballard Memorial baserunner Kelsie Beardsley in softball action Monday.

PREP TENNIS



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times

Jenny Vincent stares down this return in doubles action against Community Christian Monday at Calloway County High School. Vincent and her partner, Shelby Webb, won 8-1.

Tilghman takes out Tigers

Monday's Results at Paducah Tilghman Girls
Paducah Tilghman 5, Murray High 4
Singles — Leanne Hewlett (M) def. Sara Chen 8-3, Brooke Salley (M) def. Grave Pittard 8-6, Meredith Durbin def. Blair Lane (M) 6-3, 7-5, Katherine Van Hoose def. Ellen Hayman (M) 9-7, Abby Gillespie def. Addie Griffo (M) 8-6, Meredith Lortie def. Haley Haverstock (M) 8-2.
Doubles — Hayman-Hewlett (M) def. Durbin-Lortie 5-7, 6-4, 1-6, Griffo-Salley (M) def. Gillespie-Pittard 3-6, 6-7, 4-7, Chen-Van Hoose def. Haverstock-Lane (M) 8-3.

Boys
Paducah Tilghman 9, Murray High 0
Singles — Max Pittard def. Tucker Adams (M) 8-0, Charlie Pittard def. Aaron Polivick (M) 8-0, Alex Johnson def. Cameron Barth (M) 8-0, Will Gillespie def. Terry Wall (M) 8-0, Blake Scowden def. John Hyatt (M) 8-1, David Kan def. Matthew Parker (M) 8-0.
Doubles — Pittard-Pittard def. Adams-Polivick (M) 8-0, Gillespie-Scowden def. Barth-Wall (M) 8-0, Johnson-Kan def. Hyatt-Parker (M) 8-0.

■ Snow
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"Her biggest improvement has been her hitting. She's hitting close to .400 this year. I don't know exactly what she hit last year, but what she's doing would be a big leap for anyone," he added.
 Snow's road to a college scholarship, however, has not always been smooth. Without a doubt, the biggest speed bump came last July, when she tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee.
 The road to recovery was a long and grueling one for Snow, who missed out on her other prep sporting passion — volleyball — last fall while rehabilitating the knee.
 "With it being my senior year, it was tough," Snow said. "But if I wanted to play softball again, I knew I had to get it fixed. ... It was really hard to deal with. Wondering if I would be able to catch again was the worst fear."
 But, just as she has throughout her prep career, Snow attacked the injury with hard work and determination.
 "She's come back really strong," Lovett claimed. "She's the one who was ready to get in the gym to see how much she could put on the knee. All the questions we had were answered in that first game. We knew she was back then."
 Snow's dedication to rehabilitating the injury and improving her game once she got back on the field was enough to convince Shawnee head coach Kim Palmer that she would be a perfect fit for the Saints.
 "She's a competitor," Palmer said of Snow. "For a kid to go through an injury like that and the determination she's showed tells you that she's got a love and a passion (for softball). She's got all the tools, and she's only going to get better. ... She handles herself very well."

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Arizona	5	8.385	3 1/2				

Sunday's Games
 Detroit 1, Cleveland 0
 Tampa Bay 9, Kansas City 5
 L.A. Angels 9, Baltimore 3
 Boston 3, Seattle 2
 Chicago White Sox 6, Toronto 4, 5 innings, rain
 Texas 5, Oakland 3
 N.Y. Yankees 9, Minnesota 3

Monday's Games
 Boston 7, Seattle 6
 Cleveland 10, Detroit 2
 Baltimore 4, L.A. Angels 2
 Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 0

Tuesday's Games
 Tampa Bay (Fossum 0-0) at Boston (Clement 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Johnson 1-0) at Baltimore (Chen 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Johnson 2-1) at Toronto (Chacin 2-0), 6:07 p.m.
 Kansas City (Affeldt 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Escobar 1-1) at Minnesota (Silva 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Texas (Koronka 1-1) at Seattle (Hernandez 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Verlander 1-1) at Oakland (Loaiza 0-2), 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-1) at Toronto (Lilly 1-0), 11:37 a.m.
 Kansas City (Elarton 0-3) at Chicago White Sox (Vazquez 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Waechter 0-0) at Boston (Schilling 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Westbrook 2-1) at Baltimore (Lopez 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Santana 1-0) at Minnesota (Lohse 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Texas (Millwood 1-2) at Seattle (Moyer 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Rogers 2-1) at Oakland (Blanton 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

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 San Diego 4, Atlanta 3
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Tuesday's Games
 St. Louis (Suppan 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Perez 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
 Washington (Armas 0-2) at Philadelphia (Lidle 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Davies 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Zambrano 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
 Florida (Vargas 1-1) at Cincinnati (Milton 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Davis 0-0) at Houston (Oswalt 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Hensley 0-1) at Colorado (Fogg 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
 San Francisco (Morris 2-0) at Arizona (Ortiz 0-2), 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Lowe 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 St. Louis (Carpenter 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Santos 1-2), 11:35 a.m.
 Florida (Willis 1-0) at Cincinnati (Harang 2-1), 11:35 a.m.
 Atlanta (Hudson 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 2-0), 12:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Park 0-0) at Colorado (Day 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
 Washington (Hernandez 1-2) at Philadelphia (Floyd 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Capuano 1-2) at Houston (Pettitte 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Cain 0-1) at Arizona (Webb 1-0), 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Marshall 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Penny 2-0), 9:10 p.m.

Lakers sweep CCA



Monday's Results at Calloway County Girls
Calloway Co. 8, CCA 1
Singles — Tricia Taylor (C) def. Rebecca Jones 8-2, Jennifer Vincent (C) def. Katie Evens 8-6, Shelby Webb (C) won by default 8-0, Amy Winkler (C) won by default 8-0, Clara Franklin (C) won by default 8-0, Jessica Tutor def. Megan Colson (C) 9-7.
Doubles — Vincent-Webb (C) def. Evens-Jones 8-1, Colson-Taylor (C) won by default 8-0, Franklin-Winkler (C) won by default 8-0.

Boys
Calloway Co. 6, CCA 3
Singles — Josh Price (C) def. Jordan Wilson 8-4, Nathan, Kelso (C) def. Zach Tutor 8-6, Chris Conner (C) def. Sam Evens 8-0, Seth Fortenbery (C) def. Jarrett Cathy 8-1, Jordan Harbin def. Ryne Sheridan (C) 8-4, Trey Turner def. Justin Bearsby (C) 8-6.
Doubles — Conner-Sheridan (C) def. Evens-Harbin 8-3, Bearsby-Fortenbery (C) def. Cathy-Turner 8-4, Tutor-Wilson def. Kelso-Price (C) 8-5.

MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times
 Shelby Webb returns this serve as she plays in doubles action with partner Jenny Vincent Monday as Calloway County High School faced Community Christian.

Late rally not enough for Tigers

Staff Report
 A late Murray High rally wasn't enough to overcome a quick start by visiting Mayfield, as the Cardinals made six early runs stand up in an 8-6 victory over the Tigers during prep baseball action Monday afternoon at Ty Holland Field.
 After falling behind 6-0 following an inning-and-a-half of play, the Tigers (6-7) rallied with one run in the bottom of the second, four more in the fifth and one in the sixth, but fell two runs short in the end.
 Mayfield (8-5) took the early lead with three runs in the top of the first on four hits and one Murray error. The Cardinals struck for three more an inning later on four hits.
 MHS got on the board in the bottom of the second via a leadoff home run off the bat of Antonio Kendall.
 Trailing 7-1, the Tigers' bats got going again in the fifth. Kendall smacked another homer — this time a three-run shot — and Bradley Cobb drove home the other run with an RBI groundout as Murray crept to within 7-5.
 Murray got back on the board in the sixth, when Hugh Rollins reached on a fielding error by Mayfield third baseman Josh Hatchell, stole second and third and later scored on a throwing error by shortstop Jeremy Rodgers, cutting the deficit to just 7-6.
 But the Cardinals answered in the seventh with a run-scoring single by Jake Sweatman and then retired the Tigers in order in the bottom half of the frame to end the contest.
 Murray managed just three hits in the game, with Kendall's homers accounting for two. A fifth-inning single by Roman Kelly was the only other Tiger hit. Kendall was 2-for-4 at the plate with four RBI.
 Tiger starter Chess Volp suffered the pitching loss, allowing seven runs (three earned) on eight hits while striking out three and walking one in four-plus innings. Murray (five) and Mayfield (six) combined four 11 errors in the contest.
 Murray High returns to the diamond on Friday at Dawson Springs before hosting Humboldt, Tenn., for a Saturday doubleheader, beginning at noon at Ty Holland.

■ Tigers
From Page 1B

rival Calloway County today at 5 p.m.
 Friday's Recap: Last Friday, Murray dropped a 7-0 decision at Lone Oak.
 Lone Oak scored one run in the first inning and three each in the third and sixth frames to down MHS. The Lady Flash collected 12 hits in the contest and took advantage of four Lady Tiger errors.
 The Lady Tigers managed just one hit — a fifth-inning double by Snow — in the game.
 Chelcie Winchester suffered the pitching loss for Murray, allowing six earned runs on 12 hits while striking out three and walking only one.

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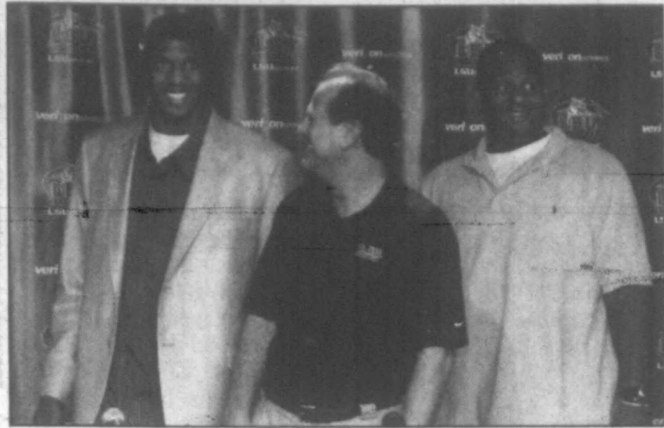
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Thomas leaving, Davis staying at LSU



LSU coach John Brady, center, laughs with players Tyrus Thomas, left and Glen "Big Baby" Davis, right, before a news conference Monday in Baton Rouge, La. in which Thomas announced that he would forgo his remaining eligibility at LSU and declare for the NBA draft.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU freshman forward Tyrus Thomas declared for the NBA draft Monday, while sophomore teammate and Southeastern Conference player of the year Glen Davis said he is coming back to the Tigers.

"When you're hot, you're hot," Thomas said of his decision, which comes just three weeks after he and Davis helped the Tigers make the Final Four. "I have to take advantage of the opportunity available to me. I know I have to improve both physically and mentally. But,

this is a great opportunity for myself and my family."

Thomas, the conference's defensive player of the year, signed with an agent Sunday night, a move that ended his college career. "I came to the conclusion that signing was what I really wanted to do in my heart. I can get more things accomplished faster on the business side this way."

Davis, the athletic and personable inside presence known as "Big Baby," said he still has unfinished business in col-

lege. "There are a lot of things I want to accomplish, not only as a player but as a person," Davis said. "Furthermore, I feel that college is the best time of my life. I feel that staying at LSU will help me mentally and physically. I just want to make it clear that I will be here next year to further my education and to be with family members — my teammates."

Both Davis and Thomas played key roles in the Tigers'

run to their first Final Four appearance in 20 years. Davis averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds a game this past season.

"Playing in that last game left a terrible taste in my mouth," Davis said of the Tigers' semifinal loss to UCLA. "I'm a competitor. I want to leave on top. Not only do I want to be the best player, but I want to win."

"I have to enjoy these moments."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

3 Duke players indicted

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Two 20-year-old Duke University lacrosse players were arrested early Tuesday on charges of raping and kidnapping a stripper hired to dance at an off-campus party.

Reade Seligmann posted a \$400,000 bond and Collin Finnerty was in the process of doing so for the same amount, said Col. George Naylor of the Durham County jail. By posting bond, the players avoided making an initial court appearance later in the day.

Earlier, Seligmann, a 6-foot-11 sophomore from Essex Fells, N.J., and Finnerty, a 6-foot-3 sophomore from Garden City, N.Y., were led out of separate police cruisers in handcuffs. One was wearing a suit jacket, the other was in dress shirt and jeans.

Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," said his attorney, Kirk Osborn. "He's doing great. That's all I have to say."

The alleged victim, a 27-year-old black woman and mother of two children, told police she was attacked March 13 by three white men in a bathroom at a party held by the lacrosse team.

Martinez gets 200th win

By The Associated Press Pedro Martinez picked the perfect time to get his 200th win.

Martinez pitched into the seventh inning to become the seventh active pitcher with 200 victories, and New York edged the Atlanta Braves 4-3 on Monday night in the first of 18 meetings this season between the NL East rivals.

"It's a great accomplishment," the slender Martinez said in front of a large banner commemorating his milestone. "This is probably one of the biggest things that's happened in my career, because of how far I've come from the first day and all the doubts about my body type."

Carlos Delgado and Xavier Nady each homered and drove in two runs for the Mets (10-2), who improved the best record in baseball and extended the fastest start in franchise history.

In other NL games, it was: St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1; Cincinnati 9, Florida 1; Houston 8, Milwaukee 7; San Diego 5, Colorado 2; San Francisco 10, Arizona 9; and Chicago Cubs 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

Andruw Jones hit his fifth homer and second in two days for the Braves, missing injured third baseman Chipper Jones and shortstop Edgar Renteria.

Jorge Sosa (0-3) lasted only four-plus innings.

Nady and Paul Lo Duca finished with three hits apiece for the Mets, who have been chasing Atlanta for years. This season, they think they have the talent to finally end the Braves' record run of 14 consecutive division titles.

"It's a big win. This is a big series. For April, this is as big as it's going to get," Lo Duca said. "We've got to dethrone these guys."

"When somebody has your number, you've got to play extra hard," he added. "We need to turn the tide."

Martinez (3-0) struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings, allowing three runs and six hits. He left to a loud ovation and waved his arms to the crowd of 36,867. The three-time Cy Young Award winner is 200-84, the fewest losses for any of the 103 pitchers with 200

wins. Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Cubs 4, Dodgers 1

Greg Maddux threw eight innings of three-hit ball in his first start since turning 40, leading the visiting Cubs to the win.

Off to a 3-0 start for the first time since 1994, Maddux struck out six and didn't walk a batter. His landmark birthday was Friday.

"I heard Julio Franco say a million times, 'Age is just a number,'" Maddux said. "I'm finally starting to understand what he meant by that. I used to laugh at him 10 years ago, but I know what he means now."

Ryan Dempster pitched the ninth for his third save of the season. Todd Walker had a solo homer and a sacrifice fly.

Brett Tomko (1-1) allowed four runs and seven hits for the Dodgers.

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Roundabout Murray to feature Relay for Life, trivia and UBC

Roundabout Murray will be talking with Paul Radke, Relay for Life Coordinator from the Murray chapter this week. From Murray Main Street, Roger Reichmuth and Melissa Finklea are going to speak about the upcoming Trivia Night Fundraiser and Calloway Character Counts President Tung Dinh along with volunteer Brian Siddens will be presenting their Ultimate Body Challenge program's outcome.

Dinh and Siddens have succeeded in putting together a program that not only focuses on physical well being but also mental well being. Having good moral values and character traits throughout every part of a person's life is what Dinh strives to teach. Donations allowed contributors to workout with Dinh and Siddens and to learn the Six pillars of Character Counts at the same time.

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LookingBack

10 years ago Jack Trowbridge, vice president of construction management of Architects Plus, Inc., told the Calloway County Fiscal Court that the new jail is about 52 percent completed at this time.

About 1,500 people from across the state and many state, national and foreign missionaries are expected to attend the Kentucky WMU meeting at First Baptist Church, Murray, starting tomorrow.

Births reported include a boy to Scott and Valerie Banks and a boy to Jesse and Angle Hermsillo, April 12.

20 years ago Published is a picture of Inspector Steven Richardson of the Kentucky Finance Administration Cabinet's Division of Engineering, and Darwin Kelsey, Boy Scout National Museum director, making an inspection tour of the museum building.

Martha Butterworth presented a lesson on "Flowers In our Landscape" at a meeting of the South Pleasant Grove Homemakers Club held at the home of Delyghte Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vance will be married 40 years April 30.

30 years ago Kathie Broach, Randy Herndon and Vickie Lynn Weatherford, students at Calloway County High School under the direction of Betty Riley, teacher of English, won honors in the Citizenship Contest sponsored by the Murray Civitan Club.

Neta Elsie Barnett, 61, died from injuries sustained in a two-

vehicle accident on April 17 at the intersection of North 10th and Payne Streets, Murray.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tynes April 1; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. David M. Shipwash, April 3; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lavern Morris, April 8.

40 years ago High school students attending the Murray State University Summer Speech Institute, June 26-July 23, will attend a concert by Duke Ellington and his Orchestra as a part of the summer cultural program.

Pvt. Robert E. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack L. Holmes, completed eight weeks of military police training at the Army Training Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Mrs. G.C. Sigmon presented a lesson on "Food for Fitness" at a meeting of the New Concord Homemakers Club held at the home of Mrs. Rosine Johnson.

50 years ago The three-day Western Kentucky Industrial Tour visited in Murray about 9 a.m. today looking for suitable industrial sites and possible new plant locations.

Murray Electric System and Murray Water & Sewer System will be open in their new building for business in their new building at North Fourth and Olive Streets.

Mrs. Fred Hart presented a lesson on "Ironing the Easy Way" at a meeting of the South Pleasant Grove Homemakers Club held at the home of Mrs. Hartford Story.

Heirloom gifts to grandkids are given with future in mind

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Not Ungrateful," regarding the beautiful dolls that were sent to her children by their grandfather.

I run a children's store. Not all grandparents want to give a gift that might end up in a garage sale or giveaway box years down the road. Many want to give a special gift that their grandchild will enjoy later and that will be a special memory of them when the children are older.

Special gifts should be put aside until the children are old enough to play with them and enjoy them. Be sure to remind the children that Grandpa gave the gifts when they were babies because he thought they were so special. Cuddly stuffed animals are cute for babies, but generally don't last, nor is their origin ever truly appreciated by the child.

DEAR VICKI: I heard from many readers who agree with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps that grandfather is thinking down the road that someday (when he may be gone) his grandchildren will appreciate his foresight.

We get our grandson the "appropriate cuddly gifts," along with substantial contributions to a 529 college plan. Someday, between political science, beer and young women, we trust he will have kind thoughts about his grandparents. More important, we hope he will repay the gift in kindness to his own grandchildren.

My disappointment turned to pride as my parents explained they were a special gift -- my "first pearls" -- to be worn when I became a young lady. The case graced my dresser top for years, until I was finally deemed "old enough" to wear the elegant necklace.

I still cherish the pearls and their memories of a sweet godfather I rarely saw, and of the times I would carefully open that fancy case and rub the pearls against my cheek, daydreaming of someday being a lady. Let other friends buy their children the soft things they can play with now.

DEAR ABBY: When my granddaughter was born, my mother gave her a chest of sterling silver flatware because she calculated that she wouldn't be here when "that baby grows up," and the price of sterling silver would be out of reach.

When it was determined that my step-grandbaby was to be a girl, I bought the prettiest, most expensive doll I could find, as I wanted her first doll to be special. For her first birthday we gave her a diamond drop necklace with instructions that it was to be put away but worn on her wedding day.

DEAR ANN: I'd say your step-grandbaby is a lucky little girl -- and not because of the jewelry.

Remedy for athlete's foot

DEAR DR. GOTT: After trying several unsatisfactory over-the-counter remedies for athlete's foot between the toes, I decided to try Vicks VapoRub. Relief from the itching and burning sensation was immediate upon application.

DEAR READER: This is a unique reaction to VapoRub but is consistent with the observation that the product is useful in treating toenail fungus; athlete's foot is also a fungal infection. Thank you for writing. I encourage readers to try this remedy because it is cheap and safe.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 70 years old. When I shower, I sometimes urinate. My wife thinks this is wrong. Are there any health issues associated with this?

DEAR READER: I think that urinating in the shower is one of life's great moments. The urine is harmless, the heat of the shower is therapeutic, and you don't have to flush.

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sense. Saliva, urine, semen and menstrual blood, although unattractive, are harmless under most circumstances. If your wife continues to complain about you urinating in the shower, face the wall when you go.

I certainly enjoyed her medical analysis and have related that humorous story to many of my friends.

DEAR READER: Although there is unquestionably a need for humor in medical practice (and I am admittedly an enthusiastic supporter of such humor), there are times when medical humor may be inappropriate. One such situation is in the realm of cancer, which is never amusing. I believe that your new physician should have dealt more aggressively with your mole (by sending you to a specialist for, perhaps, a biopsy or at least a second opinion).



Dr. Gott By Dr. Peter Gott

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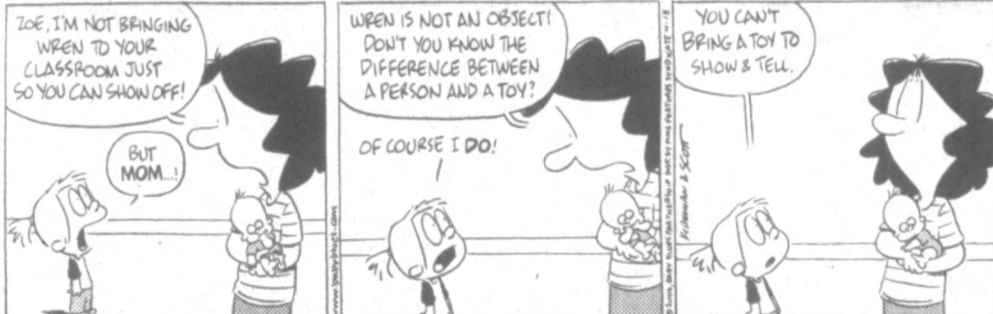
Today in History

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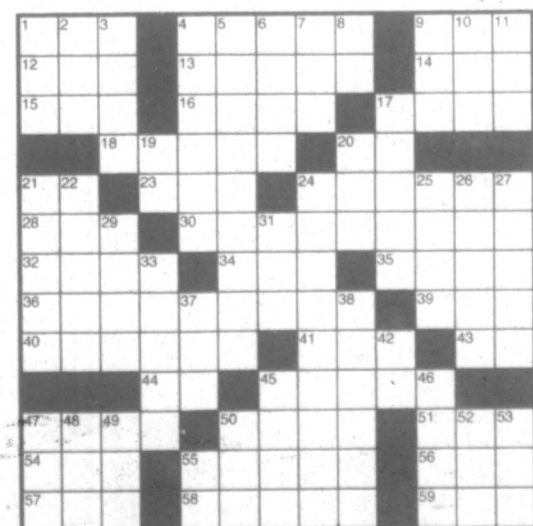
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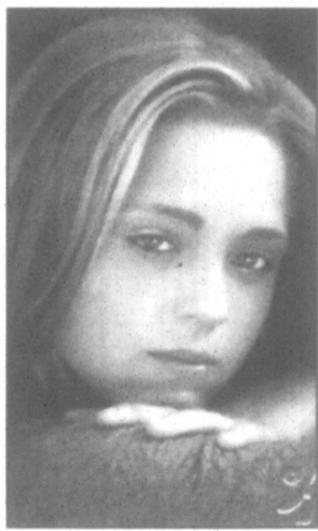
Murray High School seniors Brittany Cunningham, (driving) Brianna Fields (back right) and Laurel McManus take part in the Fatal Experience Driving Simulation program last week. Pictured below, Calloway County High School junior Scott Adams is administered a mock field sobriety test by Kenny Collins, the school's safety officer. By wearing the goggles that simulate a blood alcohol content of .17, Adams could experience the basic effects of the test, it was reported.



Lamb receives national honor; CCHS student recognized for superior academic achievement

ATLANTA - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has announced that Calloway County High School student Whitney M. Lamb has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Whitney has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Whitney is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."



Lamb

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources

and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Whitney build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently, there are more than 150,000 Society members, representing 15,000 high schools in nearly 20 countries. NSHSS advocates for scholarship opportunities for deserving young people and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships since its inception just two years ago.

For more information about NSHSS, visit www.nshss.org.

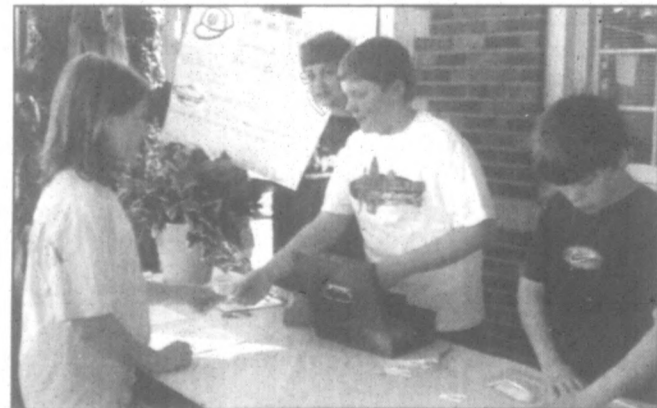


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MMS ODYSSEY FUND RAISER: The Tech Transfer Odyssey of the Mind team has been very busy with fund raising activities to help with expenses to the World competition in Ames, Iowa in May. In cooperation with principal Lou Carter, the students planned a hat and flip flop day. Students were invited to buy a pass to wear a hat and flip flops to school for one day. All proceeds go to the Odyssey team. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the team, may contact Murray Middle School. Pictured above are: Logan English (center) selling passes while Eric Wann (left) holds a sign to promote business and Joel Ferguson (right) prepares more passes to sell.

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Driving simulation program show students DUI effects

By GREG TRAVIS
Staff Writer

The Fatal Experience Driving Simulation program visited Calloway County High School and Murray High School last week allowing students an opportunity to see the effects of impaired driving through a mock simulation.

The program is a way teens can gain real-life exposure to the perils of impaired driving without being put at risk, commented Randy Yeley, of the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition, sponsor of the event.

During the activities, the driver wears vision impairment goggles that simulate the experience of being impaired. A trained mentor in the front passenger seat rides along with the "impaired" student driver and up to two passengers in the rear seat. The student driver experiences what it is like to operate the vehicle while "impaired." The passengers experience what it is like to be riding with an impaired driver, he reported.

"While teenage drivers are able to experience the simulation from a vantage point behind the wheel, an equally valuable lesson is afforded to back seat passengers. The youth who are 'along for the ride' soon realize the helpless position they would be put in as passengers in the car of an impaired driver."

Seniors at MHS and juniors and seniors at CCHS, under the supervision of the schools' resource or safety officers were allowed to participate. At Calloway county, some sophomore were allowed to ride in the back seat. The target audiences are high school and college

level. The mentor will ride in the front passenger seat to oversee the simulations. The driver should be a licensed driver, too. Each student participating is required to present a signed permission slip or they will not be allowed to drive, it was noted.

At least one local law enforcement officer must also be present at the events to help and interact with the student participants.

The simulation is presented on a flat, paved lot that is free of obstructions, with a maximum dimension of 100-feet by 100-feet. The lot must be free of potholes, curbs, stops, light poles, trees, medians, speed bumps, guardrails or any vehicles.

Yeley said he travels across the state administering the program to students. "The program

provides a unique hands-on experience with police officers on site. The response has been very good from students throughout the Commonwealth," he said.

Michael Robinson, MHS Safety Officer, added that the program has been very well received at MHS and was proving to be very successful.

Eddie Morris, driver's education teacher at Calloway County High School said, "This program serves as a good deterrent. It impresses upon students to not go out and drink and drive. That makes it beneficial to both the students and the community."

Kenny Collins, CCHS safety officer, added, "This is one of the best programs we've ever had. It makes a lot of difference in many students' lives."



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RED CROSS HEROES: Calloway County's North Elementary School recently participated in the Heroes Campaign of the Red Cross and collected nearly \$500 each. Pictured with North Primary counselor and Red Cross director are the four students who donated the most money. Pictured (from left) are Emily Gaddie, Austin Trotter, Gabe McLeod, Keaton Spradling, Reid Finley and Tori Dougherty.

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