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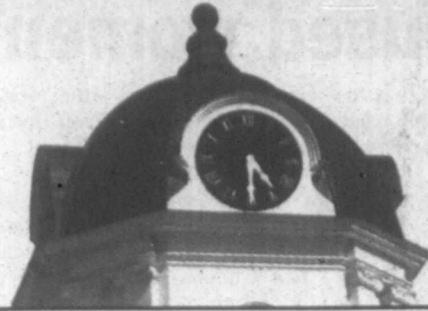


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Hazel crash claims life

Staff Report

HAZEL, Ky. — A 37-year-old Kirksey woman died after being injured Saturday in a two-vehicle crash.

Tina L. Thibodeaux was a passenger in one of the vehicles involved in the collision Saturday afternoon on U.S. 641 in Hazel. She was transported to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room, where deputy coroner Ricky Garland pronounced her dead at 4:55 p.m.

Garland said an autopsy is being performed today to determine the cause of death.

Lukus Evans, 21, of Puryear, Tenn., was driving his vehicle south on U.S. 641 while Michael H. Morris, 35, who lives on Almo Road, was traveling north on the same road, according to a Calloway County Sheriff's Department report.

Deputy Shane Mize said the two vehicles collided head-on in front of the C-Mart Store in Hazel. Thibodeaux was a passenger in Morris' vehicle.

Morris suffered minor injuries and was transported to the hospital. Evans was uninjured.

The collision remains under investigation.

Regents close to wrapping up interviews

By KRISTIN TAYLOR

Staff Writer

The Murray State regents spent two days interviewing presidential candidates — and they're almost finished.

The MSU Board of Regents, serving as the search committee to hire a new president, interviewed eight candidates Thursday and Friday at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville. Regents chairman Don Sparks said one candidate's flight was canceled, so the board is trying to reschedule an interview for him, probably next week.

"Other than that one glitch, we're on track," Sparks said this morning. "We had two long days, but we had some good candidates."

Sparks said the finalists from those interviewed will be brought to campus to meet with students, faculty, staff and administrators the first week of May — which is the last regular week of the semester.

Initially, Korn/Ferry International had 73 people who were interested in the job — either because they were nominated as a candidate or the firm knew them from a previous search and thought they were qualified for the MSU job.

Korn/Ferry narrowed that pool to 25 candidates, whose resumes and qualifications the board studied before choosing 10 two interviewees.

Dr. King Alexander, who was hired to replace his father, Kern, in 2001, left MSU's helm in January to assume the presidency at California State University-Long Beach. Dr. Kern Alexander has been leading the university in the interim.

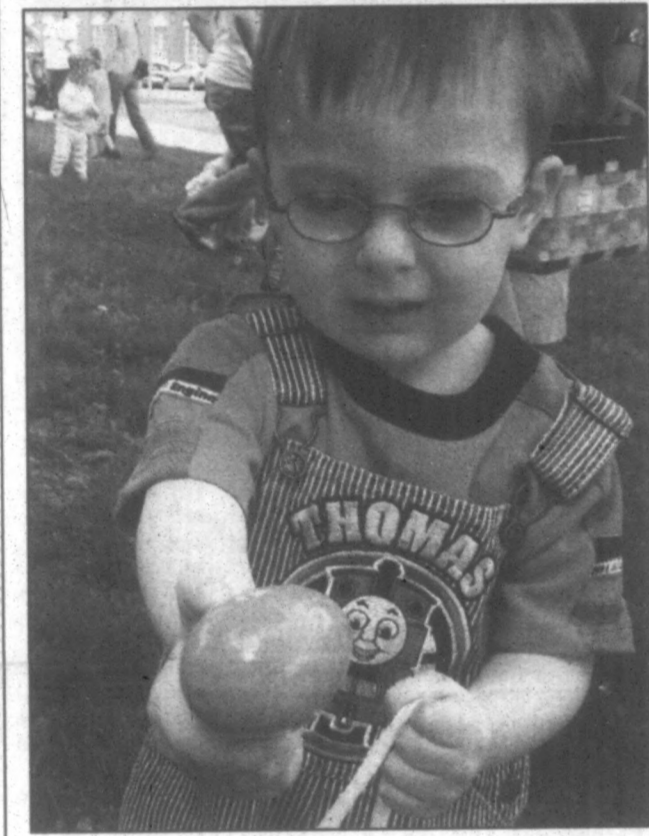


Sparks



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EGGS-ACTLY WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!: Kids of all ages gathered downtown around the Calloway County Courthouse for Murray Main Street's Easter of the Square event, which also featured the Easter Bunny, with whom children could have their picture made. Above, some 7-8-year-olds tackle the southwest corner of the courthouse. Meanwhile, at left, 2-year-old Aidan Walker shows one of his trophy finds and Logan Mattingly, 5, below, sees what prize he may have in one of his eggs.



Committee to review ISO ranking

By KRISTIN TAYLOR

Staff Writer

There's been lots of talk around city hall about how the fire department can better respond to the growing number of residents. Now the mayor and others are turning the words into an action plan.

Murray Mayor Tom Rushing created the city's fire depart-

ment review committee and charged it with a few tasks. First, the committee will review the most recent Insurance Services Office report and recommend changes that will improve the future rating that helps determine property insurance rates. The other purpose is the much-talked about fire station situation.

In its rating system, ISO encourages cities to have the entire limits covered within 1.5 miles from a station. Some city locations, especially to the north and southwest, are at least double that distance from the closest fire station.

"You could plan it today and it's another two or three years before it's done. So you have to

stay ahead of the game with this growth," Murray Fire Chief Michael Skinner said. "When I first started here years and years ago, you always heard the story, man, we're going to build a station. It hasn't happened yet. But we're getting closer."

The Murray Fire Department

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Post offices to keep normal tax day hours

By TOM BERRY

Staff Writer

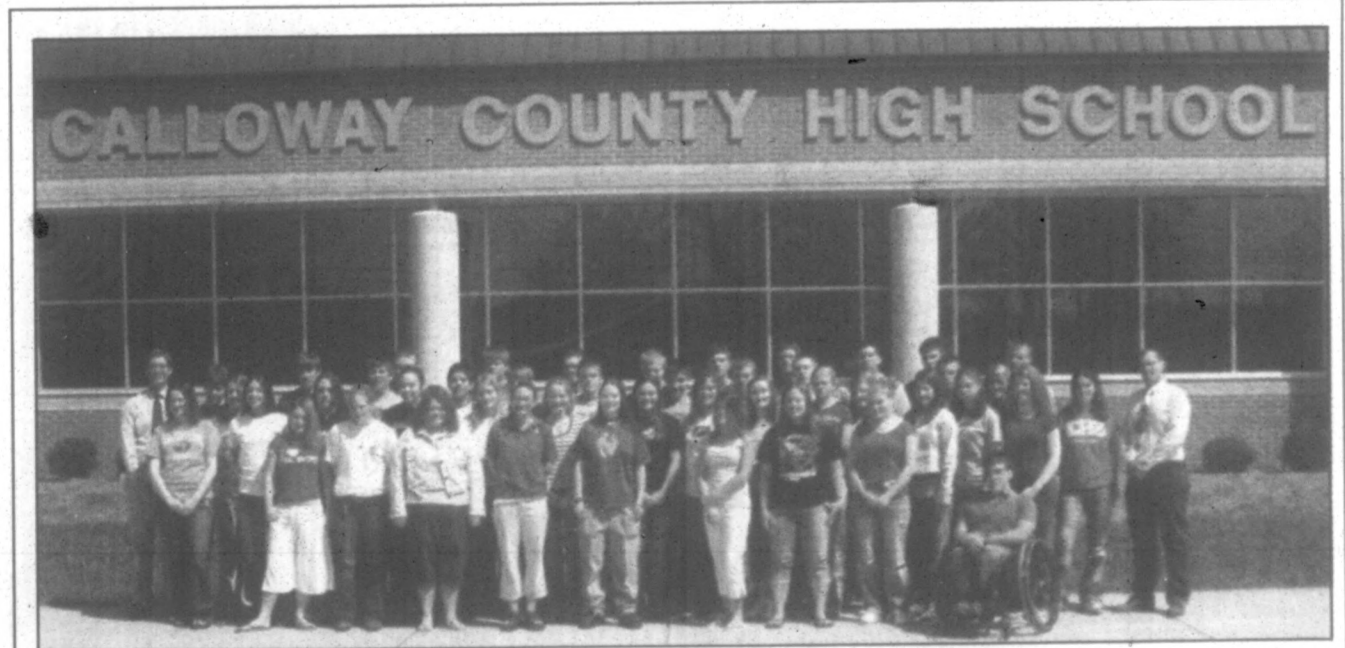
Tax filers that attempt to get 2006 tax returns in the mail just under the deadline today will have to act quickly because most post offices in Murray and Calloway County will remain open only during scheduled business hours.

However, to help accommodate those that will get their papers off to Internal Revenue Service offices today, the Murray Post office will remain open until 6 p.m. — about a 1 1/2-hour longer the usual — to allow filers to meet the deadline.

Postmaster Jennifer Doom said the office will postmark papers

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GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times Photo

THAT WINNING STYLE: The Calloway County High School FFA team had a terrific competition last week at the FFA Field Day at Murray State University's West Kentucky Expo Center, finishing first overall. According to Calloway ag teacher Bill Sampson, 53 FFA members from CCHS competed against 975 students from 37 schools from Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky in the 52nd annual MSU event. This is the first time Calloway County has placed first overall since 1987, after finishing second last year, it was reported. Pictured above is the CCHS FFA team. Individual honors and winners are listed on today's Farm page.

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In this photo provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Ben Davis, a Bradley County Wildlife Officer, examines a male black bear at the University of Tennessee's College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville, Tenn., that authorities trapped and killed on Sunday in Cherokee National Forest, Tenn. The bear is believed to be the bear responsible for attacking a Ohio family and killing a 6-year-old girl in the Cherokee National Forest Chilhowee Recreation Area on Thursday.

Tenn. bear trapped, killed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A black bear was caught in a forest recreation area Sunday and euthanized so experts could determine whether it was the same animal that attacked a family and killed a 6-year-old. Authorities found a bear in the same trap where they detected paw prints on Saturday in the remote Cherokee National Forest Chilhowee Recreation Area, U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Sharon Moore said.

The bear, which was captured near the site of the attack, looked to be the same size as the bear that attacked a mother and her two children on a trail in the recreation area on Thursday.

"We're very hopeful this is the bear," Moore said. "It's basically the same size bear. There's truly not that many bears in the 5,000 acres we have closed off."

The bear's body was sent to

the University of Tennessee's College of Veterinary Medicine in Knoxville, where experts planned to perform a necropsy Monday. Results were not expected for several days.

Dr. Linden Craig, a pathobiologist, told *The Knoxville News Sentinel* that doctors will take samples from its gastrointestinal tract to determine if the bear had consumed any human tissue. The bear's teeth will be compared to wounds sustained by the victim and its brain will be tested for rabies, she said.

"If it doesn't have rabies, hopefully we can find something else wrong with it that could explain its behavior," Craig told the newspaper.

A bear killed Elora Petrsek Thursday afternoon as she and her family were leaving a waterfall pool on a rugged, 1,800-foot-high mountaintop, about 10 miles from the nearest highway.

The bear bit the girl's 2-year-old brother, Luke Cenkus, on his head and punctured his skull, officials said. Their mother, Susan Cenkus, 45, tried to fend off the bear with rocks and sticks but the bear attacked her, dragging her yards off the trail.

Her 6-year-old daughter apparently ran away and almost an hour passed before a rescuer found her body about 100 yards off the trail with the bear. The man said he shot twice at the bear with a pistol before it ran away.

Luke Cenkus was in fair condition and their mother remained in critical condition, hospital officials said Sunday.



Petrsek

Advocates say state taking children from abused women

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — In the past year, the state has removed the children of about 50 women served by the regional Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program.

Domestic violence victim advocates say it's an indication that the state is increasingly taking children away from women who moved to domestic violence shelters to escape violent homes.

Some Cabinet for Health and Family Services workers have been telling women that shelters aren't an appropriate atmosphere for children, said Kentucky Domestic Violence Association executive director Sherry Currens.

The advocates worry the trend could dissuade victims from seeking help.

"You don't have to hurt the baby or neglect it; at this point, being an abused woman who shows up at a shelter is often enough grounds to take a child," said Darlene Thomas, director of the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, which covers Fayette and 16 surrounding counties.

In the past, child-protection workers applauded mothers who fled abusive partners and took their children to shelters.

Shelters provide a safe, structured environment for families and also offer programs designed for the children, Thomas said.

A recent child advocacy report suggested that officials could be removing more children of domestic violence victims as part of a broader push to

increase adoptions from state foster care to get federal financial bonuses for the state.

The cabinet disputes that.

"It has nothing to do with federal enticements or raising adoption numbers. Our motivation is to protect the child," said Tom Emberton Jr., commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services.

"There is no policy that children of domestic violence victims are removed. We look at each case."

Emberton said the cabinet is looking into the concerns of the victim advocates. Thomas said the domestic violence professionals on her staff agreed that the cabinet removals were appropriate in only about five of the 50 cases, in which mothers had other problems, such as drug addiction.

ISO ...

From Front

is spread thin to reach the growing city boundaries from its downtown station and Station 2 on 16th Street. The most obvious options are to build a third station, relocate one or both of the existing buildings, or some combination of those two.

But there are great costs associated with either option. A brand new station could cost as much as \$1 million by the time the city buys property, constructs the building and furnishes it with equipment, according to general estimates presented in previous discussions. A substation — like Station 2 — could be built for significantly less.

Construction aside, adding one new firefighter costs the city about \$40,000 annually in salary and benefits. If a new station or substation is built, the city would have to hire 12 new firefighters, adding \$480,000 to the payroll.

First and foremost, the revamped fire coverage is important for residents' safety. But coverage is among many, many points on the ISO evaluation, which is significant because local insurance companies use the private group's rat-

ing to determine rates for commercial property.

ISO came to Murray for the first time in 12 years about a year ago to re-evaluate the city's rating. Murray scored a 61.61, just inside the 60-70 point range that allows the city to maintain its current rating, based on many factors, including the fire department, water system and emergency telecommunications system. The most recent rating fell a couple points from the score more than a decade before.

That's the background with which the newly appointment committee will start. In addition to the mayor, committee members include four city administrative employees: City Administrator Don Elias, Finance Officer Don Leet, accountant Carol Roberts and Project Coordinator Matt Mattingly. Five MFD representatives, including Chief Skinner as well as a fireman, lieutenant, captain and assistant chief, will also serve on the committee.

"This will help everybody. Instead of one person trying to figure out where in the future we'll need a fire station, we'll have several different opinions on the best place," Skinner said. "It really helps us a lot as far as the city might be looking toward a new station eventually. We need to pinpoint where we need it with the way Murray's growing."

In August, a new fire station topped the list of projects the Murray City Council long-range planning committee prioritized. The long-range planning committee is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. May 1 at city hall, and the mayor wants to have more fire coverage information to bring to the table.

"We have dilly-dallied around in the past about what we need to do to improve our fire coverage," Mayor Rushing said. "We need to get something with some teeth in it to give the long-range planning committee."

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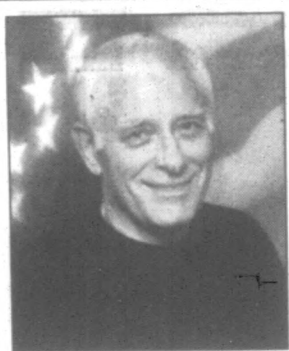
The City of Murray fire department review committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at city hall to discuss the Insurance Services Office rating that largely involves Murray. Fire Department and helps determine property insurance rates. Committee members will gather information to focus their discussion whether adding a third station, relocating either or both of the existing stations or combining those two options provides the best coverage for Murray residents. Mayor Tom Rushing wants to present information to the city's long-range planning committee at its May 1 meeting.

Reasons for Murray's rating declined in its last evaluation, steps necessary to improve and the associated costs, defined coverage area in miles and response time, an analysis of current stations and equipment, estimates for a new station and any other relevant city and fire statistics are items among the information Rushing encouraged the review committee to provide to the long-range planning group.

"This is what the committee is looking to do," Rushing said. "We'll put it together and look forward one year, two years, three years — that's long-range."

In recent discussions, one of the biggest advocates for developing a plan that addresses improved fire coverage is councilman Lance Allison. When Rushing presented the new committee to during the finance committee meeting last week, Allison praised the decision.

"All these plans will move us forward, past sitting at this table talking," Allison said. "I can live with three or five years if there is a plan, but I can't deal with five years of guessing."



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- The Murray-Calloway County Park Board is scheduled to meet today at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce Center. Rick Lamkin is on the agenda.
- The City of Murray fire department review committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at city hall. The agenda includes discussion of the Insurance Services Office report analysis and fire station options.
- The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday 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 p.m. Tuesday 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 p.m. on Tuesday at the Weeks 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.
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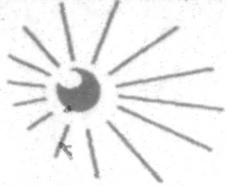
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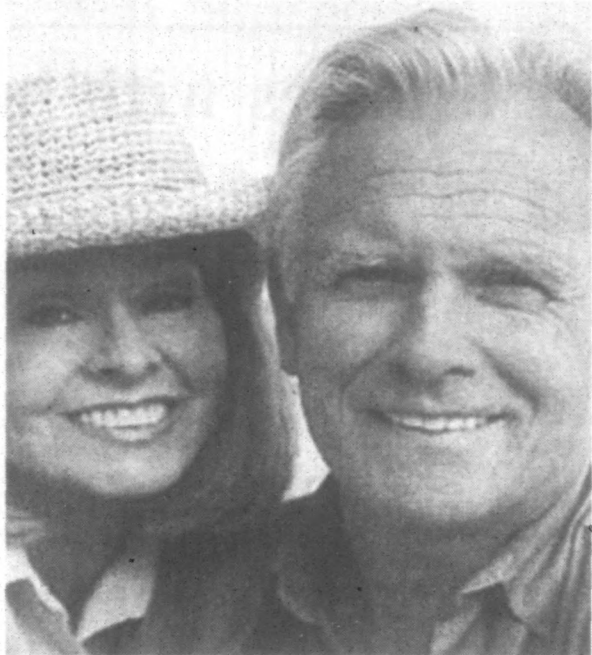
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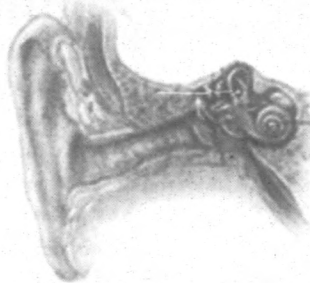


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'Borrow and spend' Dems, GOP alike

FRANKFORT - For years fiscally conservative Republicans have lambasted their opponents in the General Assembly as "tax and spend Democrats."

The tactic has been successful in helping the GOP take control of the Kentucky Senate, narrow the Democrats' majority in the House of Representatives and propel Republican Ernie Fletcher into the Governor's Mansion.

Today, the more appropriate epithet would be "borrow and spend," and the phrase applies equally to Republican and Democratic legislators, all but two of whom voted for the new \$18.1 billion state budget that contains a record amount of new debt.

At some point the borrowing and spending has to end, or else legislators are going to be forced to raise taxes to continue meeting the bond payments on all the debt they so eagerly incurred.

That's a fact senators and representatives of both parties would just as soon the voters not know about in this important legislative election year.

The 2006-2008 budget passed and sent to Fletcher last week contains \$2.38 billion in new bonded debt. That's a record amount. The previous record was set in the 2004-2006 budget



Agree Or Not

By Todd Duvall
Syndicated Columnist

passed by the General Assembly only last year. In barely 12 months, the House and Senate have added about \$4 billion to the state's overall debt. Annual interest on that total debt is close to \$900 million a year and again every year until the debt is repaid.

(Coincidentally, that \$900 million a year is nearly the amount of new money experts told legislators six years ago was needed to fully fund elementary and secondary education programs in Kentucky.)

So what are the taxpayers getting for all this money borrowed in their name and based on their collective good credit in the nation's bond markets?

On every university and college campus in every region of the state will be gleaming new buildings, even as non-faculty employees of the University of Kentucky threaten to unionize because their pay raises are less than those approved for faculty.

Louisville gets \$75 million toward its new arena and \$185 million as the first of many installations on two new Ohio River bridges. Lexington gets more than \$90 million for a hotel and Kentucky Horse Park improvements in preparation of an international equestrian event there.

There also are literally hundreds of smaller projects in the budget that include hiking trails, local ball fields, water and sewer construction - the list is nearly endless.

And solid arguments can be made in favor of just about every one of those projects, except that paying for them over the next 20 years means their ultimate cost will be about twice when interest is paid on the debt, and that money will not be available again until the bonds are retired.

It also likely means that in two years, when the next budget is prepared, there may not be much in the way of new revenue to pay for still more university buildings, new hiking trails or desirable projects like the equestrian event that become available by 2008.

This whole business of loading down a state budget with projects in legislators' districts in relatively new to Kentucky. A decade ago when the national and state economies were booming, new tax revenues flowed into the Kentucky Treasury in such huge numbers that legislators were able to go on a project spree, but on a pay-as-you-go basis. Golf courses, local history museums, parks and just about anything in the legislative imagination got funded.

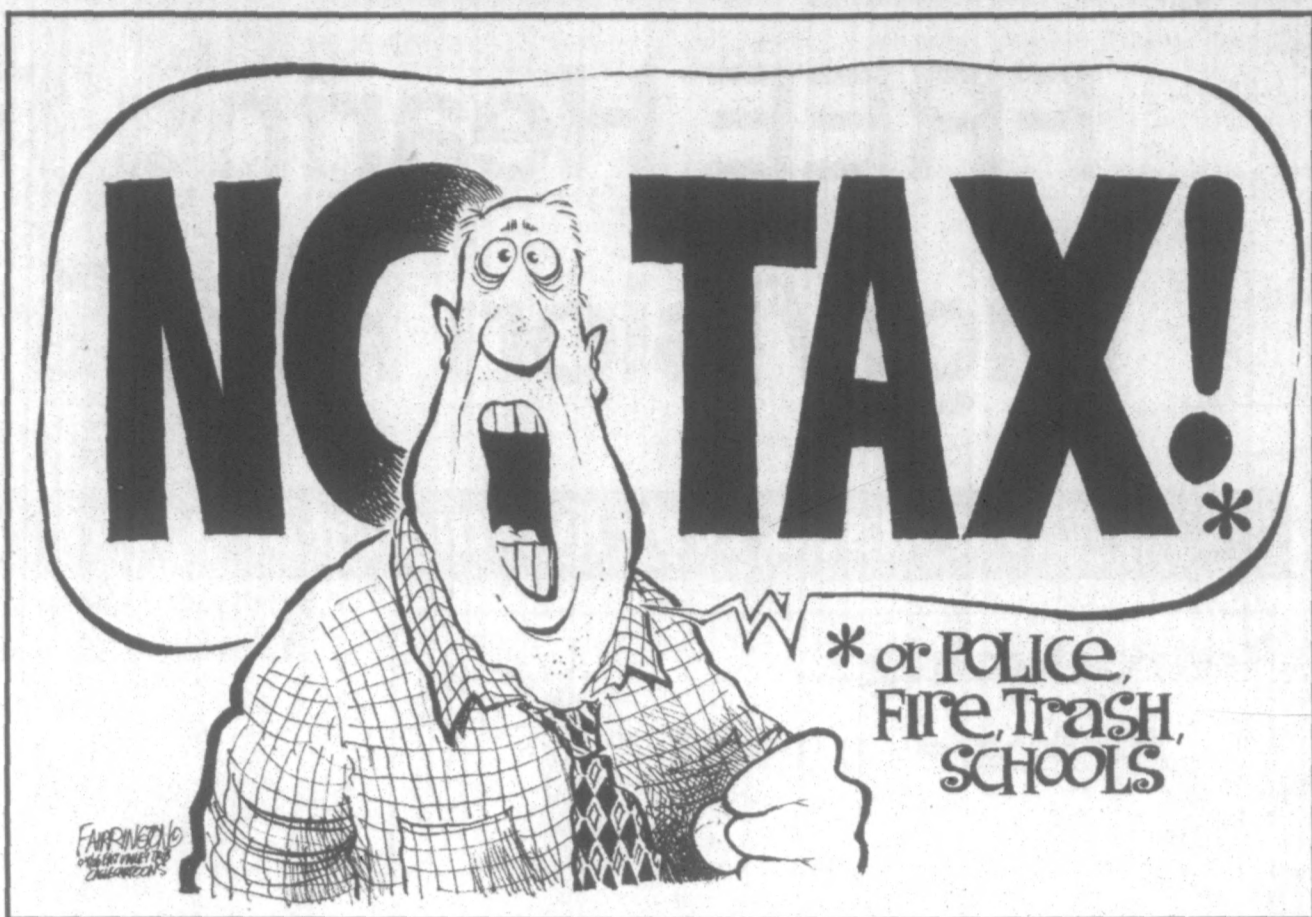
All that cash came to an end after 2000, and in fact a succession of state budgets had to be slashed substantially to make them balance.

The legislative addiction to projects, however, was so strong that even as spending on education was being cut - and university tuition climbed annually in double-digit numbers - borrowing to pay for projects rose from one budget to another.

And now we've set a new debt record.

All the while the state employees' retirement system is hundreds of millions of dollars short of what actuaries say it needs to pay future benefits.

Ah, but there will be new hiking trails and ballparks to play in.



General Assembly finishes with budget

As the 2006 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly came to a close on Wednesday, April 12, state lawmakers began to reflect on the work we have done since the session convened on January 6.

As you know, the most crucial issue facing the legislature when we returned was the state budget. Through great bipartisan cooperation from both the House and Senate, we were able to pass a budget that will not only keep our state open for business, but help it better address our state's needs.

By the time we reconvened after our 10-day veto period, members of the Free Conference Committee on HB 380, the state budget, had worked for almost two weeks to reach a compromise. Their final report includes over \$350 million in bonds for transportation projects - roads and bridges that improve our ability to compete for new business and industry.

The budget also includes more than \$325 million in local infrastructure and community development projects, projects like water and sewer lines, the purchase of equipment for our first responders and other local projects that would not happen without state funding.

As I mentioned in last week's column, the provisions of the budget include a much awaited teacher pay increase 2 percent pay raise for teachers in this upcoming fiscal year and an additional \$3,000



Legislative Update

By Rep. Melvin Henley R-Murray

increase in 2007-08. Classified employees will also receive a pay raise of 2 percent during 2006-2007 and 5 percent the next year.

I was certainly glad to see that efforts to increase teacher pay were successful. The budget passed by legislators included a base funding for our universities and colleges, a total of \$20 million in the first year of the biennium and \$88.3 million in the second year. Bonds for capital construction projects for our colleges and universities totals \$438.7 million.

In addition to their focus on increasing teacher pay, full funding for the Read to Achieve Program, a program aimed at improving Kentucky's literacy rates, is also incorporated.

The bill also includes a \$50 million bond issue to pay for classroom technology, creating funding to put more computers in the hands of public school students. Full funding is included for the Highly Skilled Educator program that provides underperforming schools with veteran, experienced teachers.

The budget we passed also allows the Kentucky

Affordable Prepaid Tuition (KAPT) program to be reopened for new enrollment this fall. This program allows parents and other people in a child's life to open and make contributions to an account that will eventually fund that child's college education.

To help provide health insurance to Kentuckians, the budget includes a provision to fund the Insurance Coverage, Affordability and Relief to Small employers (ICARE) Program.

To fund the program, we were able to provide \$6.5 million next fiscal year and \$13.5 million the second year of the budget. ICARE will provide vouchers to help small business employers cover insurance costs.

Locally, the state budget includes \$45,111,000 funding for projects here in Calloway County.

Among other legislation passed this week is SB 191, legislation that was amended in the Senate to include the provisions of a House Bill that would provide security to employees of New Horizons Coal and other companies that have declared bankruptcy. SB 191 would establish the self-insurance fund for the purpose of making payments to workers' compensation claimants injured prior to March 1, 1997, when the security of a former self-insured employer has been depleted.

While in Frankfort for our final days, we received notice that the Kentucky Board of Education voted to quit using

A.D. and B.C. (Anno Domini and Before Christ) in our public schools in favor of the more secular B.C.E. (Before Common Era) and C.E. (Common Era). As a result, I joined colleagues in cosponsoring a resolution we passed, HR 322, urging the board to reconsider their decision and continue to use A.D. and B.C. when referencing time in the Program of Studies and other related education documents.

Also this week, the Governor signed HB 142, legislation that will protect Kentuckians who invest in pre-need burial contracts from being taken advantage of by unscrupulous people. HB 142 would require a verified death certificate to be produced before any money could be released to pay for a prepaid funeral.

Unfortunately, this bill is necessary after law enforcement officials have begun to see cases where prepaid accounts have been raided without the account holder actually dying. This consumer protection measure should prevent that from happening again.

Over the next few weeks, I will be updating you on the bills we passed into law this session. In the meantime, I hope you will never hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information on our work, to share your thoughts or regarding a state government matter. I can be reached at home or through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181.

The poison fruit of Mexican corruption

John Gibson asked me the other day on Fox TV why hordes of Mexicans flee their homeland and enter the U.S. illegally. My answer: the cancer of corruption that afflicts every level of Mexican society and restricts even the smallest forms of economic opportunity for the poorest Mexicans.

I said that Mexico has everything to make it a prosperous First World country. They have minerals, they have agriculture, oil, tourism - everything they need to rank high among First World countries. All that stands in their way is corruption.

Mexico is a corrupt nation with a corrupt government from top to bottom, and until the U.S. and President Bush stand up and point a finger - as my dad did at the evil empire - and say you have to eliminate corruption if you want to keep your people home, the corruption will continue and so will the flow of illegal aliens fleeing it.

They need to be told that the reason people are fleeing their country is the corruption that saps the very lifeblood of the Mexican economy, making it impossible for the poor to find jobs at wages that allow them to support their families or pay the ever-present mordida - "the bite", as they call bribes. Like the refugees who fled from behind the Iron Curtain to find freedom, they flee Mexico to find a living wage and escape the bondage of official bribery that condemns them to poverty.



Making Sense
By Michael Reagan
Syndicated Columnist

The problem is so pervasive and so much a part of Mexican life that the official responsible for eliminating corruption, Minister of Comptrollership and Administrative Development Francisco Barrio, estimates that it will take 30 years to eradicate corruption in Mexico.

According to Transparencia Mexicana, in Mexico City alone, for every 100 public services, 22.6 percent (of the 38 administrative procedures tracked) in their survey required bribes. Want a driver's license, cough up the pesos. You name it, it costs.

In a series of papers, Shang-Jin Wei, formerly of the Kennedy School at Harvard, explored the economic effect of corruption. Contrary to the notion that corruption is a relatively minor cost of doing business, Wei found that corruption has a stifling effect on foreign investment and economic growth.

In his classic study "Ritual, Rumor and Corruption in the Constitution of Polity in Modern Mexico," Professor Claudio Lomnitz wrote that "corruption has also played a central role in conserv-

ing privilege, in keeping competitors out of specific markets, in creating an organized labor sector that stands apart from other sectors of the working class and in conserving the prerogatives of lineage."

Plainly stated, corruption bars a large segment of Mexico's population - the poorest segment - from participating in the nation's economic life. There is simply no way out except for the U.S.-Mexican border, and sheer desperation drives them there.

We need to take the gloves off and call the problem of illegal immigration from Mexico for what it is: a reaction to the culture of corruption. We need to tell official Mexico, "You allow the drug dealers to control the borders, everybody in every little state of Mexico at every level is on the take - that it is impossible to do business there without greasing a multitude of palms. The Federales are on the take, the local police are on the take - everybody is on the take."

It's time to tell President Fox and his government that until they change people are going to head north. But Mexico's officials do not want to change because they would rather sell out to the drug cartels and rake in the bribes.

By keeping quiet about Mexican corruption and the way it impacts Mexico's poor, we become accomplices to that corruption and help to drive more and more of them to cross our border illegally.

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Obituaries

Pat A. Shackelford

Pat A. 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.

The funeral will be 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 will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Monday).

Mrs. Elaine Holcomb

Mrs. Elaine Holcomb, 86, Diuguid Drive, Murray, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at 8:15 a.m. in Murray-Calloway County Hospital's 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.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. John Dale will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Laura Jane Adams

A private graveside service for Laura Jane Adams will be held at a later date at Murray City Cemetery. Lance Cordle and Mike Johnson will officiate.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of arrangements.

Miss Adams, 37 weeks, was stillborn on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 8:23 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

Survivors include her parents, Scott and Ashley Koger Adams, one sister, Mattie Adams, and one brother, Colton Adams, all of Gracey; paternal grandparents, Johnny and Georgia Adams, Paducah; maternal grandparents, Joe and Helen Koger, Richmond; great-grandparents, James and Thelma Potts, Kirksey.

Pope Benedict XVI blesses faithful with Easter wishes in 62 languages

VATICAN CITY (AP) — As Mass began, a brisk breeze ruffled the pope's gold-colored vestments and the crimson feathers atop the helmets of Swiss Guards as he strode up the square to take his place at a canopied altar on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

On Christianity's most joyous day, Pope Benedict XVI offered holiday wishes in 62 languages Sunday, gave his blessing and reflected on the world's troubles in his first Easter message as pontiff. St. Peter's Square was ablaze with color and life, decorated with potted tulips, daffodils, wisteria and pansies, thronged by 100,000 faithful and tourists on a hazy spring day.

How different from last Easter, when Benedict's predecessor, John Paul II, was so frail he was unable to speak, only raising his hand in blessing. Many in the crowd were moved to tears at the sight of their incapacitated leader.

John Paul died six days later, after missing all major Holy Week events.

This Easter fell on Benedict's 79th birthday, and although he looked tired, he made sure to address the world's pressing issues — a nuclear crisis over Iran, the Palestinians' struggle for their own state, relentless violence in Iraq, suffering in Sudan's Darfur region.

"Today, even in this modern age marked by anxiety and uncertainty, we relive the event of the Resurrection, which changed the face of our life and changed the history of humanity," Benedict said in the traditional papal "Urbi et Orbi" message — Latin for "to the city and to the world" — from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

Easter is when Christians celebrate a core belief of their faith: that Jesus rose from the dead following his crucifixion, a source of optimism and consolation in their lives.

Benedict made note of developments which have raised fears that Iran might be working toward a nuclear arsenal.

"Concerning the international crises linked to nuclear power, may an honorable solution be found for all parties, through serious and honest negotiations," Benedict said. He did not name any country.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said his country had successfully enriched uranium using 164 centrifuges, a significant step toward large-scale production of material that could be used to fuel nuclear reactors for generating electricity or to build atomic bombs.

Iran insists it only wants the peaceful use of nuclear power, but Western nations suspect



Pope Benedict XVI arrives in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican to celebrate the Easter Mass, Sunday.

Tehran wants to develop weapons and are demanding a halt to enrichment activities.

At the Vatican, Benedict was interrupted by applause when he said of Iraq: "may peace finally prevail over the tragic violence that continues mercilessly to claim victims."

"I also pray sincerely that those caught up in the conflict in the Holy Land may find peace, and I invite all to patient and persevering dialogue, so as to remove both ancient and new obstacles," the pontiff said.

There has been heavy pressure from abroad on the Hamas-led Palestinian government, which was elected in January, to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist.

"May the international community, which reaffirms Israel's just right to exist in peace, assist the Palestinian people to overcome the precarious conditions in which they live and to build their future, moving toward the constitution of a state which is truly their own," Benedict said.

The pope lamented that the humanitarian crisis in Sudan's Darfur region was "no longer sustainable."

He denounced the "deplorable scourge of kidnappings" in Latin America, where, he said, millions of people should have better living conditions and democratic institutions need to be "consolidated in a spirit of harmony."

After a packed schedule of Holy Week ceremonies, Benedict was heading to the papal retreat in Castel Gandolfo,

a hill town near Rome, for a brief vacation.

Pilgrims marking Easter also filled the streets of Jerusalem's Old City. The alleys were more crowded than in recent years, reflecting a drop in Palestinian-Israeli violence.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, who is the leading Roman Catholic official in the Holy Land, celebrated Mass in the dark, incense-filled Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built on the spot where many Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross.

After leading black-robed priests into the church singing the Lord's Prayer, the Palestinian-born patriarch lit worshippers' candles, which gradually illuminated the painted dome ceiling erected in the

Crusader era.

"This is like a dream come true for us to be here in the Holy Land," said Rona Arida, 29, a Philippine worker in Israel, after praying at the church. "I prayed for all of my family back home."

In Washington, the Rev. Franklin Graham, the son of minister Billy Graham, tied the sacrifice of Jesus to the sacrifice made by military personnel in an Easter sunrise service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"The greatest battle we face in this world is the battle for the souls of men and women," Graham told about 400 people gathered, including about a half-dozen wounded soldiers.

Orthodox Christians in Russia and elsewhere will celebrate Easter on April 23.



In this undated photograph, provided by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan with side air bags is seen after a crash test.

Tests show side air bags improve motorist safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — For motorists seeking greater protection in crashes, test results released Sunday by the insurance industry show the benefits of paying for optional side air bags.

Versions of the 2006 Toyota Prius and six minivans made by DaimlerChrysler AG and General Motors Corp. that were evaluated without side air bags got poor marks in side-impact tests.

The same vehicles, when tested with the optional air bags, all showed improvements, and the Prius earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's top score in side protection.

Some 96 percent of Prius models are sold with the side air bags, Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman John Hanson said. The option costs \$650.

DaimlerChrysler's minivans — the 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan and Chrysler Town & Country — improved from the worst score to the second-highest on a four-tier scale (poor, marginal, acceptable and good) when the air bags were included. The air bag option costs an additional \$595. GM's four minivan models built on the same platform — the 2006 Chevrolet Uplander, Buick Terraza, Pontiac Montana SV6 and

Saturn Relay — showed minor improvements when the side air bags were included, moving up one notch, to marginal.

In testing the Uplander with and without side air bags, the institute said the middle-row seats either dislodged or separated partially from the floor. Bob Lange, GM's executive director for structure and safety integration, said that "in the 10 years this basic structure has been in use for these vans and their predecessors, we know of no cases in which a rear seat became detached in a side impact."

The side air bags are available for \$350 on the minivan models, according to GM's Web site. In addition to the GM and DaimlerChrysler models, the Mazda MPV and Ford Freestar without optional side air bags received the lowest scores in side protection.

Several small cars tested received the lowest score in side evaluations: Volkswagen New Beetle, Suzuki Aerio, Hyundai Elantra, Kia Spectra, Saturn Ion, Suzuki Forenza, Suzuki Reno and these models without side air bags — Chevrolet Cobalt, Ford Focus, Mazda 3, Mitsubishi Lancer, Toyota Corolla and Nissan Sentra.

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Ladies of Murray Country Club

The ladies of the Murray Country Club held their annual kick-off-coffee on April 12.

Following the business meeting, 20 golfers played an 18-hole scramble.

Shooting a 70, the winning team consisted of B.J. Purdom, Linda Burgess, Barbara Gray and Marilyn Adkins.

The ladies will have its annual ladies scramble on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. with the line-up as follows:

Tee 1 - Jennifer Crouse, Teresa Betts, Betty Stewart and Patsy Oakley;

Tee 3 - Peggy Shoemaker, Marilyn Adkins, Rainey Apperson and Brenda Rowland;

Tee 5 - Linda Burgess, Inus Orr, Venela Sexton and Patsy Chaney;

Tee 6 - Sue Outland, Libby Best, Ann Brown and Evelyn Jones;

Tee 9 - B.J. Purdom, Barbara Gray, Norma Frank, Beth Belote and Rebecca Landolt.

Ladies of Sullivans

Ladies of Sullivan's Golf Course held golf play at Sullivan's Par 3 Golf Course and Sports Center.

The team of Evelyn Blivin, Kathy Nash, Jan Ochoa and Ann Tynes placed first in the golf scramble held April 10. The team earned top honors in the competition with a score of 50.

Second place team carding a score of 52 were Freda Elkins, Priscilla Holt and Ellen Jones.

Two chip-ins were by Holt and Tynes.

In Thursday's senior couples scramble, the team of Ellen Jones and Terry Dougherty and Joanne HBonefanger and Bob Singleton placed first with a score of 52.

Placing second with a score of 53 were Kathy and Jim Daveau and Jamie and Jerrell Mullins.



Photo provided

ROTARY STUDENT OF MONTH: Erin Richerson, left, a senior at Murray High School and daughter of Danny and Teresa Richerson, has been named the Rotary Student of the Month. She has served as manager of the boys basketball team, is a member of Tri-Alpha, Student Council, Key Club, and serves as Historian of FBLA, was voted Most Dependable by members of her senior class and has been awarded the Lee Clark Memorial Scholarship and plans to attend Murray State University and major in elementary education. Pictured right is Teresa Speed, MHS principal.

PTO Meeting and I-Safe Training planned Tuesday at CCCMS



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Karen Guthrie, director of Youth Services Center at Calloway County Middle School, encourages all parents of the school to attend the two events scheduled Tuesday at the Media Center.

At 5:30 p.m. the PTO will hold its monthly meeting. An important discussion on accelerated classes will be conducted.

Later at 6:30 p.m. the I-Safe training will take place which is information for parents about Internet bullying and predators. Guthrie said "we encourage you not to bring your children because of the graphic content of the program."

The 6:30 training is free and open to anyone in the community.

Lodge 138 to meet Tuesday

Hazel Woodmen of the World Lodge 138 will meet Tuesday 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.

Hospital retirees will meet

Retirees and former employees of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. at The Big Apple. For more information call Nancy McClure at 492-8640.

Music Department will meet

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

MHS Project Graduation plans promotion

Murray High School Project Graduation will have a rebate night on Tuesday 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday

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

Al-Anon meeting Tuesday

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

Singles will meet Tuesday

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

TOPS meeting Tuesday

Murray Chapter of TOPS, #616 will meet at University Church of Christ, near Wal-Mart on Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. Persons are to enter on the side of the church where the carport is located. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Joyce at 761-1491 or Amy at 435-4054.

Wadesboro Club will meet

Wadesboro Homemakers Club will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Calloway County Extension office. For information contact Ann at 489-2657.

Special conference planned

Mighty Men of God Conference will be Friday and Saturday at First Baptist Church, Murray. Sessions will be from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. This is open all men in the area. Men may pre-register at the church, 203 South Fourth St., Murray, or by phone at 753-1854. Registration is also available the day of the event.

Support Group will meet

Death of a Parent Support Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. This is a support group for people who have lost one or both parents due to death. For information call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-7129.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet

Narcotics Anonymous will meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. at 1628 West Main St., Murray, next to St. John's Episcopal Church. For information call 753-8419 or 1-877-447-2004.

Residents asked to support children's ranch

Staff Report

Calloway County Sheriff Larry Roberts is encouraging local residents to support the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch through annual memberships.

The ranch in Gilbertsville serves at-risk children. The \$25 membership will help provide the campers with wholesome meals, sports, recreational and educational activities and other

programs to build the children's confidence and self-esteem.

Ranch officials mailed out 4,986 letters to Calloway County residents. Roberts wants to ensure people the fund-raising campaign is legitimate.

The membership fee averages less than 7 cents a day throughout the year. The contribution is a tax-deductible donation.

With the donation comes a membership card, a bumper sticker and a subscription to the annual "The Kentucky Sheriff." But most importantly the monies go to help children.

Checks should be made payable to Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch and mailed to P.O. Box 57, Gilbertsville, Ky., 42044.

Local Red Cross will offer CPR classes

Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer its monthly second Sat-

urday CPR & First Aid for the Schools & Community course on May 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library.

The course fee is \$50 which includes all books and materials, and certifications in Adult, Child and Infant CPR, as well as First Aid. This will be the first time the updated class

will be offered in Calloway County.

Pre-registration for this class is required on or before May 12 at the Red Cross office at 607 Poplar St., Murray.

For more information call Calloway County Red Cross Director Tory Daugherty at 753-1421 or e-mail at callowayredcross@murray-ky.net.

Ladies of the Oaks

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

Serving as hostess will be Shirley Wade, phone 753-2220. Members are asked to call Wade to sign-up or to cancel play. Bridge play was canceled on April 12.

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Hickory Woods Retirement Center HAPPENINGS

by Annita Peeler

It's finally happened! Spring has indeed arrived here at Hickory Woods and we couldn't be more excited. Our flowers out front have bloomed into a profusion of purple and even our stone rabbits that stand guard in our flower bed were decked out in purple frocks for the Easter holiday.

We've so enjoyed the past few days of warm weather. Sitting on our porch "catching some rays" has been a welcome treat after all those chilly early spring winds we've had.

I'm so pleased every week to announce that we have new residents. Our family has grown by three this time. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Luanze Watkins from Draffenville and Frances Patterson from Farmington. We're so glad they joined us just in time for Easter.

We enjoyed our special presentations from Bill and Billy Smith. They spent some time with us and shared a wealth of information about their experiences in Antartica. They had some very interesting photos and maps. What an extraordinary trip they took!

Our visitors here at Hickory Woods are such a blessing. We've had some wonderful entertainment this week and Sue Allison spent some time with us sharing information about the importance of laughter in our lives. She shared humorous stories with us and kept us all laughing. You know, you just feel better all over after a good laugh. No wonder it's so good for your health.

Mr. Jimmie Wilson and his wife, Linda, came from Stella to play the piano and sing for us. He's got a wonderful talent for music and plays strictly by ear!

Jimmie Joyce from Murray-Calloway County Hospital visited with us last Friday for a presentation "Making the Best of Life." We were a busy bunch Friday. The First United Methodist Church's Robin Dean and Karen O'Daniel presented Easter music as well.

We're so excited that warm weather is here to stay. We're so looking forward to our fun, warm weather activities we have every year. One of our favorite pastimes is "puttering" around the grounds on our golf cart. What a nice relaxing way to wind down the afternoons in warm weather.

Happy Birthday this week to one of our employees, Sean Higgs.

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Former Iran leader says other Gulf countries won't help U.S. with attacks

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Iran's former president said that talk of a U.S. military attack on Iran was overblown because it would be "too dangerous" and no Persian Gulf countries would join forces with the United States.

U.S. media reports have said the United States was developing contingency plans to use military force against Iran if it continues to challenge attempts by the West and the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to force it to abandon its uranium enrichment program.

The Bush administration has said it had a "number of tools," including a military option, if Tehran did not cease uranium enrichment activities, which can create fuel for a bomb.

"Reports about plans for an American attack on Iran are incorrect," former President Hashemi Rafsanjani said in an appearance before Kuwait's parliament. "We are certain that Americans will not attack Iran because the consequences would be too dangerous."

He said he believed the United States was "incapable

of taking a risk or engaging in a new war in the region without discussing the subject seriously."

Rafsanjani also said he was certain that Arab countries in the Persian Gulf would not join the United States. But Iran's allies in the region were voicing their concern.

Kuwaiti lawmaker Mohammed al-Saqer told reporters Monday that "Iranians are escalating every day and this is terrifying not only for the international community but for the region."

"We feel real concern

although our ties with Iran are good and Iran is a brotherly country," said Al-Saqer, head of the parliament's foreign relations committee.

The United States and some European countries are accusing Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons, an accusation Tehran denies, saying it intends only to generate electricity. The International Atomic Energy Agency is due to report to the U.N. Security Council whether Iran has met its demand for a full halt to uranium enrichment.

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Tues., April 18 - Breaktime Billiard Event
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The University Church of Christ Youth Relay Team invites you to a free spaghetti supper from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the University Christian Student Center, located at the corner of 14th and Olive Streets. Donations will be accepted. Following the supper, there will be a cake auction. The public is invited to attend.

Sat., April 22 - Saddle Creek Yard Sale
The Saddle Creek Relay Team is hosting a Saddle Creek community wide yard from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Take Wiswell Road to Gibbs Store Road. Go South 1/2 mile to Saddle Creek Subdivision.

Sat., April 22 - Cookout & Rummage Sale at Office Depot
From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., get hot dogs, hamburger, lemon shake-up and baked goods! We will also be having a rummage sale. Lots of little nicknacks (vases, picture frame, books, etc.).

Sat., April 22 - Car Wash at Pizza Hut
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Sat., April 22 - Cruisin' for a Cure
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However post offices in Hazel, New Concord, Dexter and Kirksey will be open only to 4 p.m.

"Kirksey will not stay open any later," said postal manger Barbara Bucy. "We've tried that in the past, but we really don't have enough participation to justify that."

Likewise in New Concord and Dexter, according to postal manager Dorothy Chels.

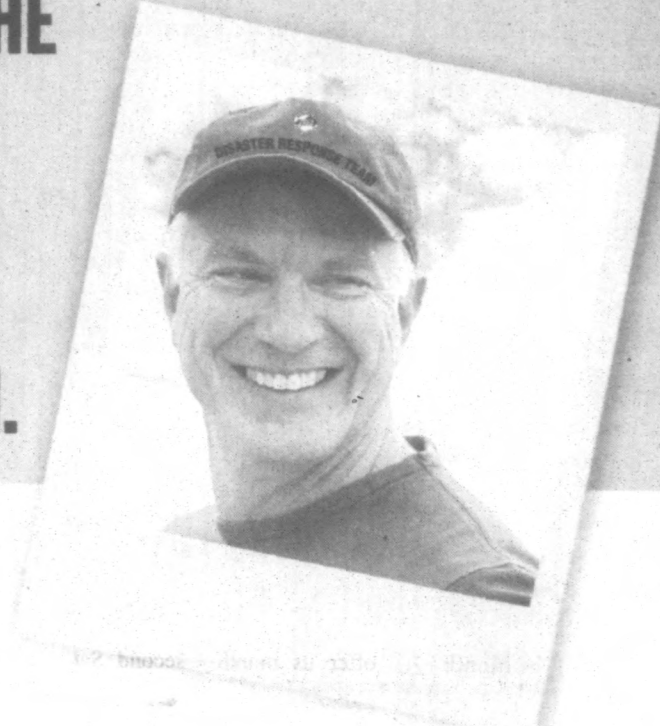
"No, we won't be open any extra hours, but if they come in and hand it to me over the counter I will stamp it right in front of them," said Linda Thomas, officer in charge of the New Concord post office.

Postmaster Sherry York of the Hazel Post Office said they will postmark only until 4 p.m.

According to the IRS, one in five of the nation's taxpayers wait until the final week to file their taxes by the deadline. In 2003 — the most recent statistics available. Just more than 27 million taxpayers, or slightly more than 20 percent, pushed the deadline which marks the peak in terms of the number of returns filed, according to the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

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Online entries reveal darker side to suspected Okla. killer

By The Associated Press
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — In an online diary entry from January, Kevin Ray Underwood



Underwood

for his sister.

"Just Christmas Eve alone made this one of the best Christmases ever to me, and to my sister it WAS the best Christmas ever, she kept saying so," wrote Underwood, who used the screen name "SubSpecies 23."

But scattered among the entries about computer games, family get-togethers and small-town angst are indications of a darker side to the 26-year-old grocery store stocker from Purcell, including feelings of depression and isolation, and homicidal thoughts.

Authorities believe Underwood acted on those feelings last week and lured 10-year-old neighbor Jamie Rose Bolin into his apartment, beat her over the head with a wooden cutting board and suffocated her with his hands and duct tape.

McClain County District Attorney Tim Kuykendall said formal charges of first-degree murder would be filed Monday

in Purcell, a small town about 40 miles south of Oklahoma City.

Purcell Police Chief David Tompkins said investigators believe Underwood sexually assaulted the little girl after he killed her and planned to eat the corpse.

According to a police affidavit, Underwood confessed to killing Jamie. Meat tenderizer and barbecue skewers found in his apartment were intended for the little girl, Kuykendall said.

People who knew Underwood described him Sunday as a quiet, "boring" and seemingly trustworthy young man. His mother, who also lives in Purcell, called him a "wonderful boy."

"This is something that I don't know where it came from," Connie Underwood said through tears in a brief telephone interview Sunday with The Associated Press. "He was always a wonderful boy."

"I would like to be able to tell her family how sorry we are. I just feel so terrible."

On his blog, an online diary that he had kept since September 2002, Underwood described himself as "single, bored, and lonely, but other than that, pretty happy."

He mentions cannibalism, asking "If you were a cannibal,

what would you wear to dinner?" and responding: "The skin of last night's main course."

In an entry dated Feb. 4, 2006, Underwood wrote that he struggled with depression and social interaction.

"Pretty much the only time I believe in God is when I blame him for something," he said. "Or, when I'm really depressed, to cry and beg him to make me better, to make whatever is wrong in my brain go away, so that I can live like a normal person."

"That's all I want in life, is to be able to live like a normal person."

In September 2004, he wrote that his depression deepened after several months without taking the medication Lexapro, an antidepressant also used in the treatment of anxiety disorders.



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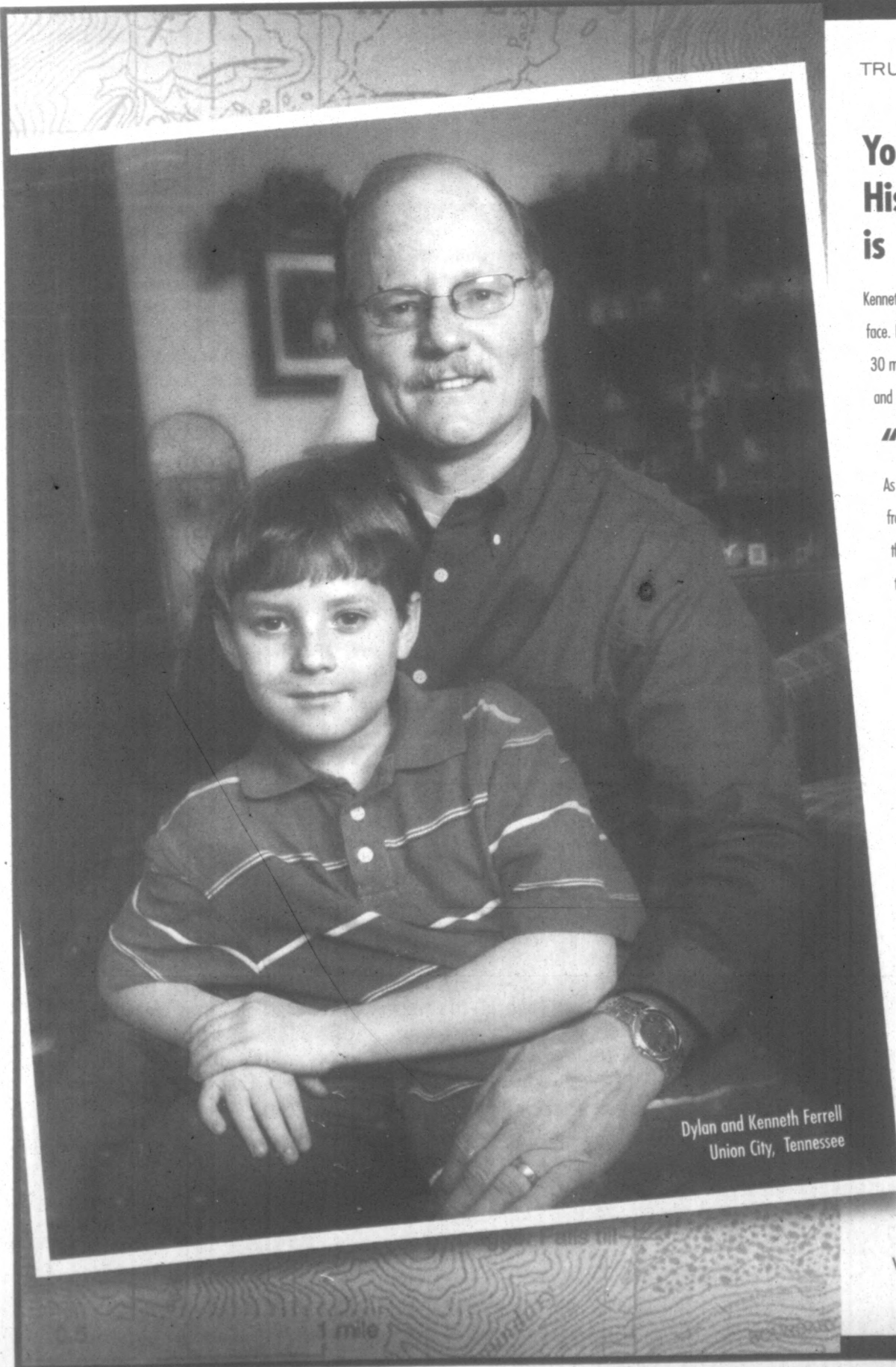


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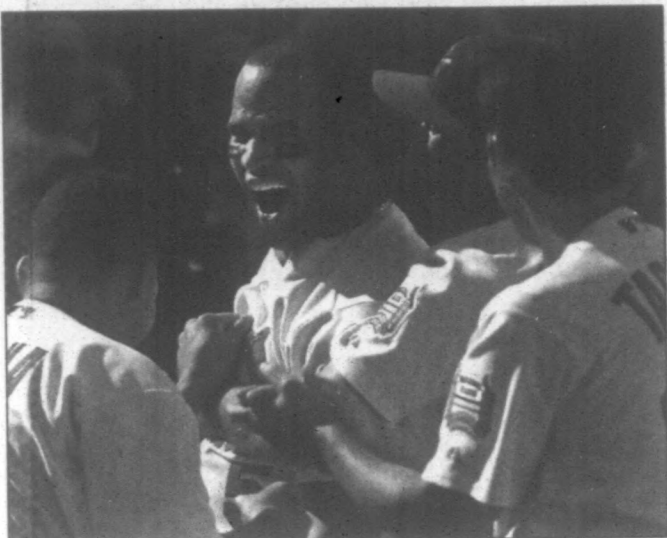


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AP
St. Louis' Albert Pujols, center, celebrates with teammates Yadier Molina, So Taguchi and John Rodriguez after hitting a two-run walk-off home run in the ninth inning against the Cincinnati Reds Sunday at Busch Stadium. Pujols hit three home runs to lead the Cardinals to a 8-7 victory over the Reds.

PUJOLS' LATEST WALKOFF JOB CAPS THREE-HOMER DAY

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols hit three home runs, including a winning drive that erased a ninth-inning deficit and put an exclamation point on the St. Louis Cardinals' first homestand at new Busch Stadium.

Then he did a little dance a few steps in front of home plate before teammates mobbed him.

"Hey, you get a walkoff home run, you get to do whatever you want," Pujols said after his two-run drive Sunday gave St. Louis an 8-7 win over the Cincinnati Reds. "You need to be excited about it. You don't get too many of those, so you need to enjoy them when they come."

Pujols' eighth homer came on a 1-2 fastball from David Weathers (0-1) and traveled an estimated 441 feet, ending a game that had five lead

changes. His second career three-homer game and sixth game-ending homer topped off a 4-2 opening homestand at the \$365 million ballpark. He matched career highs with five RBIs and four runs.

"There's a new memory for new Busch," manager Tony La Russa said. "It'll be tough to top that one."

Pitcher Jason Marquis, who hit .310 last year with a homer and 10 RBIs, got a chance to pinch hit because of Jim Edmonds' sore shoulder, and he led off the ninth with a single. The only doubt on Pujols' blast was whether it would stay fair, and it ended up about 10 feet fair and in the second deck.

Pujols relished the moment, although he wasn't interested in comparing this game to his other three-homer game, at

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Lafayette hands Lakers first loss

CALLOWAY CLIMBS BACK TO BEAT MADISON CENTRAL OVER WEEKEND

Staff Report

LEXINGTON, Ky. — All good things must come to an end — even an 11-game winning streak.

After starting the season undefeated, the Calloway County baseball team suffered its first loss of the season over the weekend at the Lexington Lafayette High School Generals Classic tournament, where the Lakers were upended by the host team 10-2.

However, the Lakers were able to bounce back to beat Madison Central 5-2 in the last game to run their record to 12-1 on the season.

Against Lafayette, Taylor Thieke (2-1) took the loss, giving up five runs on five hits with three strikeouts and three walks in three innings.

Josh Reynolds worked three innings of relief work for the

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Bowling Green teen aims high

RARICK LOOKS TO MAKE PRO DISC CIRCUIT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — Like a lot of teenagers, Kevin Rarick dreams of being a professional athlete.

But he's not an aspiring basketball star or baseball slugger.

Rarick, 17, hopes to be a professional disc golfer on the PDGA National Tour.

"I've got a lot of years ahead of me, and I'm going to try and keep it going as long as I can," he said.

As a home-schooled student, Rarick didn't have the opportunity to play high school sports, so disc golf became his competition of choice.

"I've played disc golf a long time, but I used to play basketball, too," Rarick said. "I played in the county leagues and stuff — up until middle school, and then I

was home schooled in seventh grade.

"Disc golf is a great way to be competitive, for sure. It's also a great way to meet people, too. I've met a lot of really cool people through this sport."

In the past year, Rarick began playing regional tournaments — never traveling farther than Louisville or Nashville.

"I try to keep it local since I'm so young," Rarick said. "My parents don't want me traveling around too much right now, and I respect that."

Rarick finished tied for 22nd out of almost 300 players in the biggest tournament of his young career — the Bowling Green Amateur Championships, the weekend of April 1.

It wasn't easy. Rarick played in the tournament's top division rather

than just competing in the juniors division, which is for players 19 and under.

"I've got my basket set up in my basement at home," he said. "So I have been putting every day for at least an hour. I get out to the courses as often as I can."

It was Rarick's first time playing in his hometown's biggest disc golf tournament.

"Last year, I was going to, but it was on my mom's birthday," he said. "So I decided not to do it for that reason. Before that, I had just played for fun. I'd never really been serious about tournaments until the last year."

Rarick said once he got his driver's license, he started thinking about playing in regional tournaments.

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Third Time's ...



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times
Murray High's Hugh Rollins puts the ball in play during an at-bat in the Tigers' 7-1 loss to St. Mary on Saturday in the championship game of the All 'A' Classic at Ty Holland Field.

...Not The Charm

TIGERS LOSE IN TITLE TILT FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

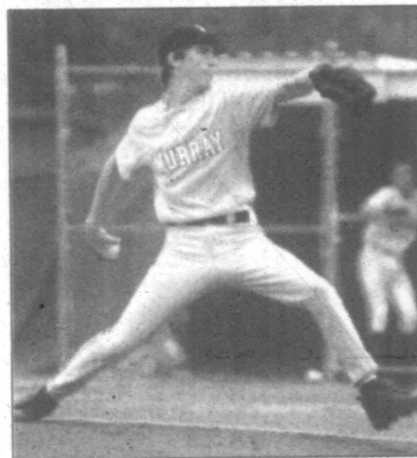
Costly mistakes and the right arm of St. Mary ace Gabriel Shaw denied the Murray High Tigers the chance to earn an All "A" Classic First Region championship for the third straight year.

The young Tigers (6-6) committed seven costly errors and managed just one run off Shaw, who shut down the Murray hitting attack with six solid innings in a 7-1 Vikings' triumph in the All "A" regional finals Saturday afternoon at Ty Holland Field.

With the victory, St. Mary (9-3) now advances to a sectional contest against Second Region champion Livingston Central. The winner of that matchup will move on to the state small school tournament, which will be held May 6-7 at Applebee's Park in Lexington.

The Tigers, meanwhile, will try to overcome the miststeps that cost them a third straight region crown in just the third year of the event. Murray also advanced to the title contest in 2004 and 2005, losing both games to nemesis Heath, which did not participate in this year's tournament because it was not classified as a single "A" program this spring.

"Give St. Mary credit. They played well and deserved to win. They were very opportunistic," said MHS head coach Cary Miller. "We're a young team, everybody knows that. But you just can't make mistakes like we did. ... We had our chances; we just didn't deserve it."



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times
Freshman starter Roman Kelly rares back before delivering a pitch to home plate during the Tigers' loss to St. Mary during Saturday's First Region All 'A' Classic title game. Kelly suffered the pitching loss as Murray fell 7-1.

Despite a shaky first inning by freshman starter Roman Kelly, Murray appeared poised to stand toe-to-toe with the Vikings and Shaw, who was working on just two days' rest after tossing five innings against Carlisle County on Wednesday.

St. Mary struck first in the top of the first, scoring on a groundout by Jonathan Roof during a frame that included three walks by Kelly and two Tiger errors.

But Murray answered in the bottom half of the inning, as Antonio Kendall's two-out triple reached Bradley Cobb, who had earlier reached base on a fielder's choice.

After watching his team even the ledger at 1-1, Kelly settled into a pitcher's duel with Shaw as both hurlers threw up zeros for the next three innings.

But the Vikings got to a tiring Kelly in the top of the fifth.

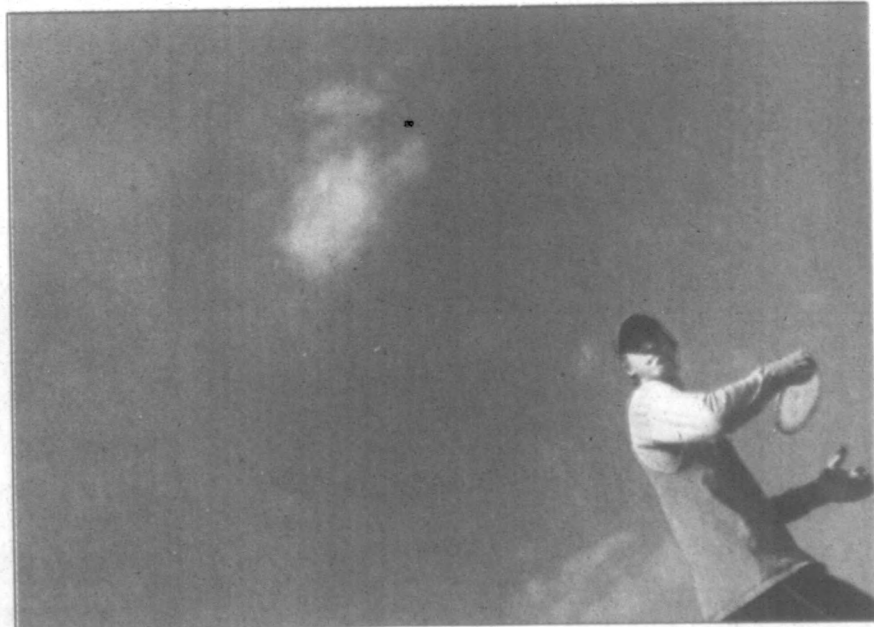
The inning started well for the freshman right-hander, as Kelly struck out Zach Howard and retired Shaw on a groundout to third. But trouble began for the Tigers and their young hurler with a single to right field off the bat of Sam Howard.

Howard then stole second and ended up on third on a wild pitch before Jonathan Roof smashed a triple into the gap in right-centerfield to score the runner. Roof also scored when second baseman Chess Volp bobbled the relay throw from the outfield, putting the Vikings in front 3-1.

Kelly would not make it out of the inning, as Aaron Dietrich reached on a throwing error and Jerrod Moore followed with a run-scoring double for a 4-1 St. Mary edge. Hugh Rollins came on in relief to end the inning, getting Kyle Bugg on a groundout to first. But the damage was already done.

Kelly, who took the loss, finished the afternoon allowing four runs (one earned) on five hits while striking out four and walking three in 4-2/3 innings.

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AP
Disc Golfer Kevin Rarick, 17, of Bowling Green, tees off during practice for the the Bowling Green Amateur Championships March 29 at Lovers Lane Disc Golf Course. Rarick hopes to become a professional disc golfer on the Professional Disc Golfers Association's pro tour.

Tigers

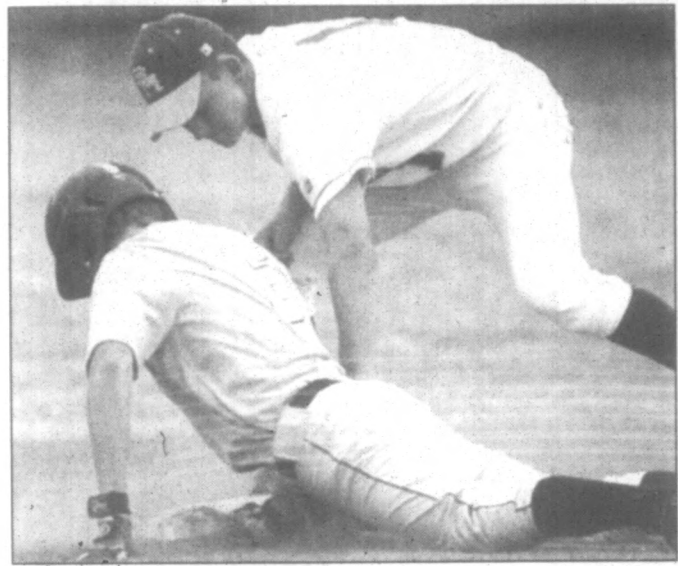
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"Not bad for a freshman," Miller noted. "We just made too many mistakes behind him." St. Mary put the game out of reach in the top of the seventh, scoring three times on two hits and two Murray errors. Moore and Bugg both had run-scoring doubles in the frame. After giving up four hits in the first three innings, Shaw allowed the Tigers just two more hits the rest of the way. Those two hits both came in the fourth on a pair of singles by

Rollins and Adam Heskett. Shaw struck out five in the contest, including the side in the second inning. Moore closed out the game in relief for St. Mary, striking out the side in the bottom of the seventh.

Kendall paced the Tigers at the plate, going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Roof was 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs to lead the Vikings.

Murray High was scheduled to host Mayfield today at 4:30 p.m. at Ty Holland before hitting the road to play at Dawson Springs on Friday.



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times

Murray High baserunner Aaron Sweeney (6) slides safely back into second base on a pickoff attempt during Saturday's action at Ty Holland Field. The Tigers are now 6-6 on the season.

Adams, Lencki highlight track action at Marshall County

Staff Report

DRAFFENVILLE, Ky. — Rachel Adams and Blake Lencki highlighted the Calloway County competitors during Saturday's Marshall County Invitation of the South track meet, held at Marshall County High School.

Adams claimed the high jump event in the girls' competition with a leap of 5 feet, five inches. In the boys' competition, Lencki placed second in the 300-meter high hurdles with a time of 42.41.

Overall, the Lady Lakers finished 12th in the 16-team

event with a total of 21 points. Paducah Tilghman claimed the meet with 118 points.

The next highest finisher for CCHS was Megan Summers, who placed sixth in the 800 meters with a time of 12:58.47.

In the boys' competition, the Lakers placed 11th as a team with 23 points. Paducah Tilghman captured the 15-team event with 93 points.

Following Lencki's lead, Steven Hart was sixth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 10:35.58. Calloway also finished seventh as a team in the 4x800 relay.

Cards

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Chicago on July 20, 2004.

"It doesn't remind me because that was two years ago," he said. "I hit three in spring training and I don't even care. Hopefully, tomorrow I hit three more and forget about today. Who knows?"

Rich Aurilia's two-run double in the eighth, one batter after right fielder Juan Encarnacion botched a potential double-play flyout when he dropped the ball, had put the Reds in front. Aurilia had three

hits, and Adam Dunn and Austin Kearns homered on consecutive at-bats in the fifth for Cincinnati, which lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

Pujols and Scott Rolen connected on consecutive at-bats in the bottom of the fifth for the Cardinals. Pujols has 14 multihomer games, including two this season — on opening day at Philadelphia.

Encarnacion was relieved that Pujols had a third homer in him.

Calloway tennis swept by Tornado

Friday, April 14

Girls

Paducah Tilghman 5; Calloway Co. 4

Singles — Jennifer Vincent (C) def. Katherine VanHoose 8-1, Shelby Webb (C) def. Maggie Johnson 8-1, Clara Franklin (C) def. Stephanie Durbin 8-1, Meredith Durbin def. Trisha Taylor (C) 8-6.

Janie Harris def. Megan Colson (C) 9-7, Alison Britton def. Amy Winkler (C) 8-3. Exhibition: Taylor Boggess (C) def. Ashlyn Robertson 6-3, Bianca Mora (C) def. Grace Capock 6-1, Amy Tempus def. Ashley Winkler (C) 6-3.

Doubles — Franklin-Ashley Winkler (C) def. Hammonds-Tilley 8-4, Baker-Lortie def. Vincent-Webb (C) 8-6, Gille-

spie-Pittard def. Colson-Amy Winkler (C) 8-2.

Boys

Paducah Tilghman 6, Calloway Co. 3

Singles — Chris Conner (C) def. Nick Paxton 8-6, Seth Fortenbery (C) def. James Howard 8-1, Justin Bearsby (C) def. Zach Pitman 8-1, Alex Johnson def. Josh Price (C) 8-

4, Ethan Rowton def. Nathan Kelso (C) 8-1, Addison Overby def. Ryan Sheridan (C) 8-4.

Doubles — Johnson-Pinkston def. Kelso-Price (C) 8-4, Overby-Rowton def. Conner-Sheridan (C) 8-5, Paxton-Rowton def. Bearsby-Fortenbery (C) 8-6. Exhibition: Jake Darnell-Matt McReynolds (C) def. Pitman-Zach Duncan 8-2.

Lakers

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Lakers, giving up five runs on five hits. Reynolds struck out two and walked two.

Calloway only had four hits against the Generals and left three runners on base. Pete Thackston's single in the sixth inning scored Logan Seay and Thieke for Calloway's only runs.

CCHS head coach Steve Smith there's no shame in losing to a team like Lafayette.

"When you play a team like that, they are going to expose every hole you might have," Smith said. "We just didn't have it that day, and that's OK. I couldn't be prouder of the kids and what they have accomplished."

The accomplishments don't

end with the loss.

"We had a really good start, and maybe it's best that we did lose a game," Smith added. "Now, we can start working on a new (streak). I was very impressed with the way the kids bounced back from losing that first game and not missing a beat in the second game."

In the 5-2 win against the Indians, Austin McCuiston moved to 5-0 by hurling a five-hitter. McCuiston pitched seven innings, giving up one run while striking out six.

McCuiston and Thieke were each 2-for-3 with doubles, while Seth Asher was 1-for-3 with a double.

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Milwaukee	7	5	583	Minnesota	6	6	500
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Los Angeles	7	5	583	Seattle	6	7	462
Arizona	6	7	462	Texas	5	8	385
San Diego	5	7	417		5	8	385
	4	7	364		3		

Sunday's Games

San Diego 4, Atlanta 3
Washington 7, Florida 5
N.Y. Mets 9, Milwaukee 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 7
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San Francisco 2, L.A. Dodgers 0

Monday's Games

St. Louis (Marquis 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
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Chicago Cubs (Maddux 2-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Tomko 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

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, 4 1/2 innings, rain
Texas 5, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Minnesota 3

Monday's Games

Seattle (Meche 1-0) at Boston (DiNardo 0-0), 10:05 a.m.
Cleveland (Byrd 1-1) at Detroit (Robertson 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-1) at Baltimore (Cabrera 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
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NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE Field is set, but matchups must wait

By The Associated Press

The NBA's playoff field is set. The matchups could take a few more days.

The Lakers, Bulls, Wizards and Kings claimed the four spots that were remaining entering Sunday, and all that's left with three days to go in the regular season is figuring out the seedings.

While none of the eight first-round matchups have been determined, Los Angeles and Sacramento will have the two bottom spots in the Western Conference — and they both could be dangerous. The Lakers have the scoring of Kobe Bryant, the Kings have the defensive play of Ron Artest, and both teams are surging down the stretch.

"We're not finished," Artest said after the Kings' 96-79 victory over New Orleans. "We've got a long season ahead of us. We're far from done. Our goal is to come out of this year No. 1, and win a championship."

Bryant scored 43 points and the Lakers routed the Phoenix Suns 109-89. Those teams could meet again in the first round, or Los Angeles could end up playing San Antonio or Dallas, whichever gets the No. 1 seed.

"Whoever we play, it's going to be tough because it's two great teams," Bryant said. "We just have to make sure we do our homework and go out there and try to execute."

The East field is more complicated. Washington (40-40) is fifth, while Chicago, Indiana and Milwaukee are all one game behind. Victories Sunday by the Bulls and Wizards eliminated Orlando and Philadelphia — which hoped to compete for the Atlantic Division title this season.

"I take every loss hard, and this is as tough as it gets," 76ers coach Maurice Cheeks said on the team's Web site.

In other games, it was: Chicago 117, Miami 93; Detroit 103, New York 97; Washington 104, Cleveland 92; San Antonio 103, Minnesota 90; New Jersey 95, Boston 93; Dallas 111, Utah 95; and Seattle 114, the Los Angeles Clippers 98.

At Miami, the Bulls felt much better after riding their late-season surge to a second consecutive playoff spot.

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Calloway FFA takes first at 52nd Field Day

Calloway County win is first overall since 1987 after placing 2nd in 2005

On Wednesday, 53 FFA members from Calloway County High School competed against 975 students from 37 schools from Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky in the 52nd annual Murray State University FFA Field Day.

Calloway County placed first overall, marking the first time CCHS has placed first overall since 1987, after finishing second last year. School FFA officials thanked the faculty who cooperated in making this day such a success for the FFA members.

The following students placing first in individual or team events were:

Nursery/Landscape

- Courtney Parker 2nd High Individual
- Jacob Young
- Wesley Tucker High Individual

Floriculture

- Alyssa McGinnis
- Jacob Benke High Individual
- Dustin Black
- Samantha Hill

Tobacco Judging

- Hugh Falwell High Individual
- Burley
- Kyle Overbey
- Kyle Parker

Land Judging

- 3rd place
- Trent Cossey
- Tatum Dale
- Josh Reynolds

Seed Identification

- Charles Sieting

Weed Identification

- Mindy Wright 2nd High Individual

Ag Mechanization

- Chase Ottway
- Jared Jenkins
- Jacob McGinnis

Livestock Judging

- 5th place
- Kelsey Watson
- Matt Chadwick
- Amanda Schroader
- Cassie Hendon

Dairy Judging

- 4th place
- Ashley Henson
- Audrey Oakley
- Shawn Wilkinson
- Alicia Naulty

Freshman Quiz Bowl

- 3rd place
- Will Blackford
- Kelsee Knight
- Drew Haley
- Katlyn Barrow

Goat Tying

- Tisha Williams 3rd Individual

Tractor Driving

- Wesley Steele 5th Individual

Roping

- Garren Lawson 3rd Individual

Horsemanship

- Kelsie Greer 3rd Individual

The following students also competed and placed well contributing to the chapters overall success:

Horse Judging

- Chase Futrell
- Wesley Steele 2nd High Individual
- Dark Fired
- Brittany Collins
- Trent Murdock High Individual
- Air Cured
- Josh Stewart
- Patrick Wyatt

Poultry Judging

- Courtney Fuqua
- Cynthia Barnett High Individual
- Kayla Duncan
- Garren Lawson 2nd High Individual
- Megan Wyatt

Small Animal

- Erin Jakaub High Individual
- Madison Selstad
- Melinda Jernigan
- Nicole Taylor

Tool Identification

- Jeremy Miller High Individual

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- Jackie Thomas High Individual

Ineligible farmers got \$9M in loans

By LIBBY QUAID
AP Food and Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department loaned \$9 million over six years to farmers who shouldn't have gotten loans, according to an audit released last week.

The 98 farmers failed to fully repay earlier loans, according to the agency's inspector general. Congress considers those borrowers ineligible for future loans.

Through its Farm Service Agency, the department is a lender of last resort; it loans money to farmers and ranchers who can't get credit from banks or other lenders. In 2004 alone, the department issued \$323 million in loans, the audit said.

The farmers got credit because department employees misunderstood the rules and approved some loans by mistake, the audit found.

In other cases, debt history was missing from the department's automated system for tracking loans, or the system wasn't used, auditors reported.

"We conclude that FSA should improve its controls for ensuring that applicants whose previous debts have been forgiven ... are judged ineligible," auditors wrote.

In response to the audit, the department said loans worth \$1.5 million were actually eligible. Department officials also began collecting the other \$7.5 million. The Inspector General agreed with the agency's response.

Department officials also issued new guidelines for employees and is putting finishing touches on a new computer system that will do a better job of tracking debt history.

The audit followed a 1999 report by the inspector general that identified \$24.1 million in improper or questionable loans.

True Armyworm trap captures are back on the rise in western Kentucky

PRINCETON, Ky. — The capture of true armyworm moths are on the rise in western Kentucky, leading to a call for farmers to be on the lookout for these damaging insects.

Pheromone baited traps on the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Research and Education Center captured 290 and 252 moths per trap week, in the week ending April 6. These are unusually large numbers for this time of year, said Doug Johnson, UK Extension entomologist.

While trap catch numbers cannot be directly translated to

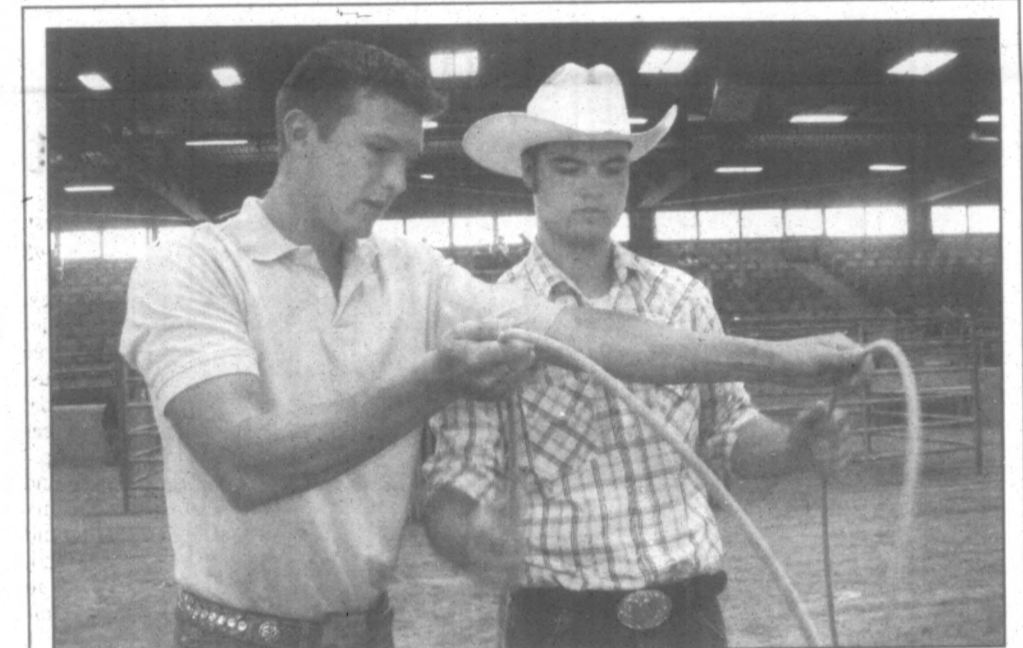
outbreak levels of the damaging larval stage, they certainly indicate that scouting for the pest is necessary, he said.

"In the outbreak year of 2001 our greatest first generation trap captures were about 400 moths per trap week during the middle of April," Johnson said. "It is definitely possible that numbers near the 300 moths per trap week mark of this first week in April could indicate that record numbers of moths are in the offing during the normal middle-of-May peak time."

In 2001, Kentucky produc-

ers saw outbreaks in hay and pasture fields as well as small grains. It is too early to try control measures, and high trap counts do not necessarily mean that a larval outbreak will occur. It does indicate, however, that producers, scouts and consultants should be watching for the worms to appear, he said.

Additionally, if an outbreak does occur, it will not be uniform across production areas. Each field will have to be evaluated for the presence/absence and relative number of worms.



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SHOWING HIM THE ROPES: Joey Lassiter, left, a senior at Murray State University Animal Science major from Perryville, shows Justin DeJarnatt, a junior from Carlisle County High School, the techniques of Stationary Roping during the 52nd annual MSU FFA Field Day. The event was held at MSU's West Kentucky Expo Center last week. Lassiter, a member of the MSU Rodeo Team, worked with many of the students to master the art of the roping.

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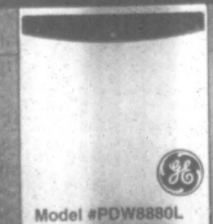
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Stanford English professor to speak on 'The Irish Voice and the American West'

Dr. Matthew L. Jockers, assistant professor of English at Stanford University was to speak on "The Irish Voice and the American West," today at Murray State University.

The lecture will begin at 4 in Room 208, Faculty Hall. Jockers has published extensively on Irish American literature, especially from the west.

The lecture is presented as part of a project in HIS 305 that is funded by the Center for Teaching and Learning Technology to bring the authors of

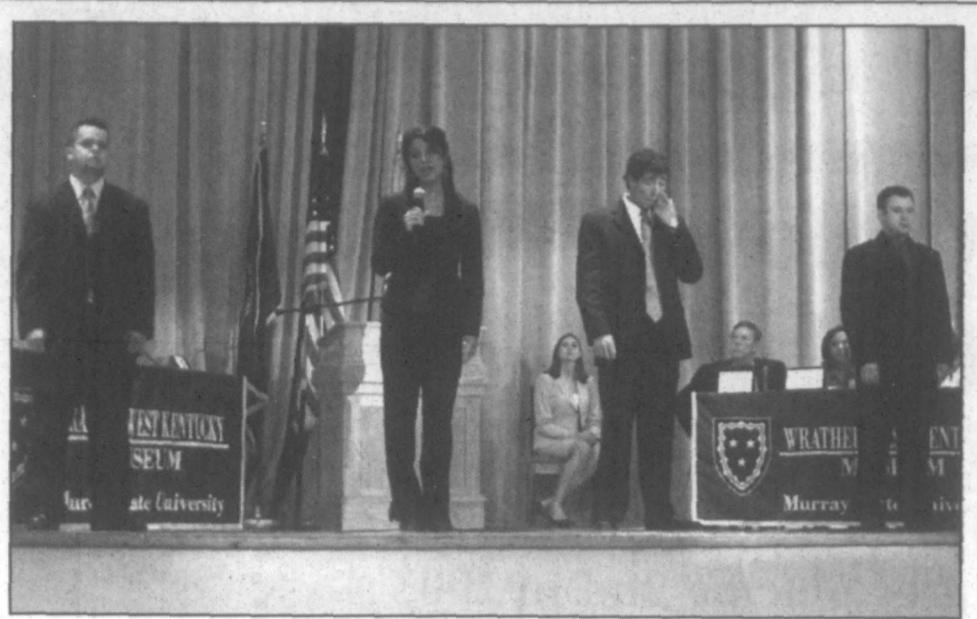
works being read in the course to campus to discuss them with students.

"The idea is to help students understand how the books and articles they read in courses are developed by allowing them to ask questions of the authors," explained Bill Mulligan, professor of history at MSU. "Matt Jockers has done some very important and original research that has not been given the attention it deserves. I am delighted that he is able to come to campus and dis-

cuss it with my students and the campus community."

One additional speaker is scheduled to visit campus during the spring semester. Mulligan says he is pleased with the support from CTLT and others on campus for their support of this lecture and the American Conference for Irish Studies.

For more information contact Mulligan at 809-2231 or bill.mulligan@murraystate.edu.



Photo/Emily Cartwright

WHAT'S OUR CONNECTION?: Jesse Townsend III, a Murray State sophomore from Hardinsburg, Ky.; Tiffani Gaddis, a senior from Owensboro; Andrew Day, a senior from Memphis; and Matthew Hunt, a junior from Bardwell, participate as a panel in the "What's Our Connections" game show presented Thursday by the MSU Department of Organizational Communication, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, and the Speech and Debate Union.

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CALLOWAY COUNTY
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 Vicki Wilson
 Circuit Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The following estate fiduciary appointments have been made in the Calloway County District Court. All claims against these appointments should be filed with the fiduciary within six months of the date of qualification.

Estate of: Dewey Edward Thompson, being the same as Edward L. Thompson, 10644 State Route 94 East, Murray, KY 42071; Case # 04-P-00180; Fiduciary: Dewey Edward Thompson, Jr., 1125 Village Drive Apt. 320, Benton, KY 42025; Appointed: 03-21-06

Estate of: Christine J. Batts, 1707 Audubon, Murray, KY 42071; Case # 06-P-00059; Fiduciary: R. Andrew Batts, 902 Olive Street, Murray, KY 42071; Appointed: 04-10-06.

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In RE: Mandy Lynne Thorn, 13 East Y Drive, Murray, KY 42071; Case # 06-P-00068; Fiduciary: Linda Lee Avery, 13 East Y Drive, Murray, KY 42071; Appointed: 04-04-06.

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 The Old Bait House is hosting a Crappie Tournament at Moor's Resort on Ky. Lake with first place prize of \$2,000.00. We will be giving a fully rigged Bass Tracker Crappie 175 power with 50 hp Mercury outboard to the lucky participants that fishes the tournament. This event will take place on April 29, 2006 with a pre-tournament meeting held at The Old Bait House on Friday the evening before at 6:00 pm. Bring your family and friends for a great evening out with food and prizes to be given away. Call Steve or Marvin at 270-443-5321 for more info.

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 We will be at the Career Discovery Center (located next door to Martha's Restaurant), on April 21st, from 7:30am to 11am accepting applications. To be considered for employment, please be able to present two forms of identification. One that will establish your identity and one that will prove employment eligibility in the United States. Drug test will be required. If you have questions, please call 800-403-9970.
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DATA Link Communications is seeking experienced Cabling Technicians and Entry Level Technicians. The positions are for full time employment. Experience with phone systems is a plus. Some travel is required. Benefits are available. Fax resume to (270)753-1909.

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CLASS A Maintenance Position
 Jackson Purchase Medical Center has an immediate full-time Class A Maintenance Position available on the afternoon shift. Responsible for the operation and repair as directed of the hospital HVAC systems, steam generating, plumbing, and electrical systems, as well as performs carpentry and painting duties. Salary is commensurate with experience. Previous experience is required. Excellent benefit package. Interested applicants may complete an application at the Mayfield or Murray Employment Services offices.

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Hiring day/night servers, hosts/hostesses & cooks with summer availability. No phone calls.

060 Help Wanted

EARLY child care center looking for FT & PT summer help to work with children from birth to afterschool. Apply at 109 S. 15th St., Murray. **FULL OR PART** time housekeeping. Murray Plaza Hotel. Apply in person after 6:00PM.
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RETAIL ASSISTANT MANAGER
MURPHY USA
 Murphy USA is currently seeking an assistant manager for Murray, KY. Our gas station/C-store will be located in the parking lot of the Murray, KY Wal-Mart Supercenter.
 Excellent starting salary, commission paid monthly, complete benefit package including Health Benefits, Life Insurance, Vacation, Sick Leave and Profit Sharing Program. Applicants should possess strong leadership skills, solid basic math skills and enjoy supervising others. Prior retail management experience is a plus.
Please fax your resume to 618-985-4918.
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Taking applications for all positions. Day & night. Apply in person at Sonic, 217 S. 12th, Murray. No phone calls.

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POSITION AVAILABLE
BUS DRIVERS
 The Calloway County Board of Education is currently accepting applications for **Bus Drivers**. All applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, be at least 21 years of age, in good physical condition, and have a valid Kentucky driver's license. In addition, each applicant is required to have or be willing to obtain a CDL license. Hourly compensation begins at \$10.03. Fringe benefits including health insurance, life insurance, and county retirement will be provided to all full-time employees. Applications for this position may be obtained at the Calloway County Board of Education, 2110 College Farm Road, Murray, KY 42071. Should you have specific questions, please call 762-7322. The Calloway County Board of Education is an Equal Education and Employer Institution.

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LookingBack

10 years ago Published is a picture of Russ Koeffen, Murray post office employee, taking an income tax return from Stacey and Jason Young as they beat the April 15 deadline.

Newcomers in Calloway County will soon find that locating residences in the county should be much easier with the implementation of the new enhanced 911 addresses, according to Ed Pavlick, 911 coordinator.

20 years ago Scott Conklin, violinist, fifth grader at Murray Middle School, performed with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra at a concert at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, Nashville, on April 13.

Miss Ann Herron presented a program on "Kentucky State Parks" at a meeting of Chapter M of P.E.O. Sisterhood held at the home of Mrs. Frank Albert Stubblefield.

Births reported include a boy to Rhonda and Gary Wortham and a girl to Melissa and Wendell Taylor, April 12; a girl to Karla and Joe Jones, April 13; a boy to Joetta and Gary Lawrence, April 14.

30 years ago The Orientation to World of Work at Murray High School has been nominated as a demonstration site as part of the Kentucky Vocational Education Demonstration Site Project, according to Eli Alexander, principal.

Glynis Tabers, student at North Elementary School, and Michael Rogers, student at Southwest Elementary School, have been named

winner of the Jaycee-Commonwealth Life American Essay Contest conducted by the Murray-Calloway County Jaycees.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pierce, March 18.

40 years ago Phillip Carrico of the regional office of Kentucky Department of Libraries was speaker at a meeting of the Murray Kiwanis Club held at Southside Restaurant.

Carmon Parks spoke about "Education, Teaching and Learning" at a meeting of the Hazel Woman's Club. Elected as new officers of the club were Mrs. Harold Wilkinson, president, Mrs. J.W. Jones, first vice president; Mrs. Edward Russell, second vice president; Mrs. Jerry White, recording secretary; Mrs. Hughes Bennett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Tommy Story, treasurer.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Snead and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. W.O. McKinney, April 13.

50 years ago Hubert R. Barrow, gunner's mate second class, United States Navy, is serving aboard the USS Henry E. Hubbard destroyer which is completing a six months tour of duty in the Far East.

Murray Jaycees will sponsor a Teen-age Road-E-O on May 5 at the Murray City Park.

Presenting the program at a meeting of the Women of North Pleasant Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the church were Mrs. Paul Cunningham, Mrs. John Ed Waldrop, Mrs. Ed Glover, Mrs. Glyco Wells and Mrs. Nix Crawford.

Family's cruelty toward pets casts doubt on couple's future

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Jamie," and I have been together almost four years. Everything was fine until we hit a major roadblock.

I was raised to love animals. Jamie's parents are the polar opposite. I have always kept my cool when I heard stories about his father abusing animals.

I asked Jamie to talk to his parents and let them know how I feel. He never did.

Just before Christmas we were over there for a visit, and his mother told a horrible story about his dad killing a pet rabbit.

I couldn't control myself any longer; I burst into tears and yelled, "Your father is a horrible man!"

We left that night, and I told Jamie I could never go back. He needed to make a choice: a wife who could be a part of his family -- or me. He chose me -- at least that's what I thought.

Jamie recently asked me if I had calmed down and could put this in the past. I don't think I can. How can we have a life together if I don't want to be a part of his family? - APPALLED IN LIVONIA, MICH.

DEAR APPALLED: The answer is you can't, because you and Jamie have very different values. His father's behavior is sadistic, and his mother appears to feel that killing a pet is normal.

DEAR ABBY: I am grieving the death of my beloved mother. She was in her late 80s, and her friends who are still living were loyal in attending the visitation or the funeral, or sending a card.

However, my friends were absent and unresponsive, and it has left me feeling puzzled and deserted. I have always sent cards and responded to their family losses.

DEAR DESERTEDE: It's possible that your former in-laws showed up simply to pay their respects to someone they had known -- and presumably gotten along with -- for a long time.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago I had a mastectomy. Whenever I tell people this, invariably the first question they ask is, "Which side?"

I don't know what possessive people to behave that way. It's absolutely none of their business and it's very offensive. I'd love it if you would pass the word along.

DEAR SURVIVOR: Consider it passed. Readers, if someone tells you she (or he) has had a mastectomy, remember that personal questions can be an invasion of privacy.

Can blood pressure be too low?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 50-year-old female. This past year, I started menopause. My blood pressure has dropped.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read the letter in your column from the lady who was taking a beta-blocker to control her blood pressure.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I have painful varicose veins. We have, unsuccessfully, tried horse chestnut extract.

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See a physician for more appropriate therapy. DEAR DR. GOTT: I read the letter in your column from the lady who was taking a beta-blocker to control her blood pressure.

I am 52 years old, and I also take medication to control my blood pressure. Last year my physician put me on a beta-blocker for this problem.

Please tell your reader to have her physician change her medication.

DEAR READER: Is your husband a doctor?

Seriously, any antihypertension drug carries the risk of side effects, many of which are dangerous.

Doctor Gott is a practicing physician and the author of the new book "Live Longer, Live Better."



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, April 17, the 107th day of 2006. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face

charges stemming from his religious writings. In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair.

In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed.

In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1986, the bodies of American librarian Peter Kilburn and two Britons were found near Beirut; the three hostages had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

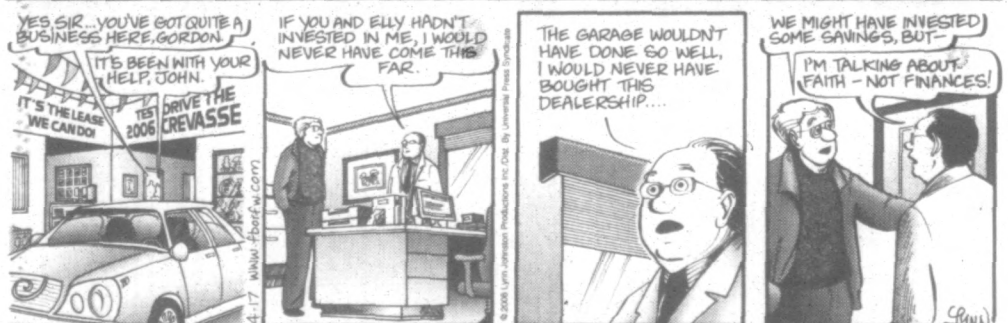
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The 1992 World Women's Olympiad Team Championship, held at Salsomaggiore, Italy, was won by Austria, which defeated a favored British squad by 48 IMPs in the 96-deal final.

Crosswords

- ACROSS: 1 Precipice, 6 Work, as clay, 11 Barked, 12 Restaurant freebie, 14 - d'oeuvres, 15 Mail for Plato, 17 Cry of surprise, 18 Ancient, 19 Digital watch readout, 20 Jaunty cap, 21 Kind of prof., 23 Chatter, 24 Londoner's farewell (hyph.), 25 Exiled Roman poet, 27 Jeered at, 28 Puget Sound st., 30 Come out on top, 31 Baby beaver, 32 Ocean-liner letters, 33 Think alike, 35 Solidity, 36 Ride a windjammer, 37 Actress Myrna -, 38 Online auction, 42 Stashed away, 43 That woman, 44 Bravo, in Barcelona, 45 Negative prefix, 46 Where Venice is, 48 Environs, 49 Choir selections, 51 Bids, 53 Frat letter, 54 German sausage, 1 Loses heat, 2 Nobles, 3 Preconditions, 4 Iron, in chemistry, 5 Safe-products org., 6 Tap, 7 Ancient ointment, 8 Clean water org., 9 Juneau's st., 10 Expands, 11 Horse stopper, 13 Tent dwellers, 16 Tall flower, 20 Dinner check, 22 Poolside turban, 23 Yang complement, 24 Name, 26 Compete for, 27 Hodges of baseball (2 wds.), 29 Leaning on, 31 Clue, 34 Disencumber, 35 Actor - Grey, 37 Tibet's capital, 39 Digs a tunnel, 40 Warning of an attack, 41 Pro votes, 43 Bill, briefly, 46 Seine moorage, 47 Cuch!, 48 Kenya's loc., 50 Contented sigh, 52 Dr. Manchu

Answer to Previous Puzzle



April Showers Bring May Flowers! MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES Home Delivery 3 mo. \$26.00, 6 mo. \$51.00, 1 yr. \$98.00. Local Mail (Calloway, Graves & Marshall) 3 mo. \$26.50, 6 mo. \$53.00, 1 yr. \$91.00. Rest of KY/TN (Purvey, Buchanan & Paris) 3 mo. \$66.50, 6 mo. \$83.00, 1 yr. \$116.00. Other Mail Subscriptions 3 mo. \$71.50, 6 mo. \$88.00, 1 yr. \$136.00. Check Money Order Visa M/C Name, St. Address, City, State, Zip, Daytime Ph. Mail this coupon with payment to: Murray Ledger & Times, P.O. Box 1040, Murray, KY 42071, Or call (270) 753-1916

Horoscope

by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 18, 2006: This year you will develop and use newfound skills to read between the lines. You will gain a deeper perspective and enjoy your life more profoundly as a result. Often, you could feel pressured by circumstances. It is clear that you need to take the lead and/or get ahead. You will gain in your community and establish greater prominence and respect. If you are single, you will certainly be noticed. Next fall or a bit later someone enters your life who will knock your socks off. If you are attached, your relationship evolves as you express greater understanding and caring. CAPRICORN respects your style.

solid space and might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. As you evaluate an event, you could decide on a major risk or change. Brainstorm but be open to potential changes. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You are able to do things much differently than in the past. Relax and enjoy yourself with those in your immediate circle. Do not take another's comment seriously. This person could be having more difficulty than you realize. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your budget might be your highest priority, but at the moment you could have difficulty turning a situation around. You might be much happier if you relax. Decisions don't have to be made immediately. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Risking might be important in order to accomplish what you want. Can you afford it -- either emotionally or financially -- if you fall flat on your face?

Make your financial well-being an even high priority. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Step back. Timing is working for you, as you will notice later today. You have seen different problems come up. Handle them, but only when you are ready and sure of yourself. Many different elements will work together. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Move during the daylight hours, when you are a force to behold. You will like what goes on a lot more if you relax and think in your progress. Friends point out the path that leads to where you want to go. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Instigate changes and assume a more powerful stand. You will have a lot to do and accomplish. On some level you might be totally overwhelmed. Listen to what is being shared on a deeper level.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your efforts don't go unnoticed, yet the personal toll could be greater than anticipated. As a result, you might go into full grump mode. Listen more to what is being shared among those in the know. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Relate to and work with each individual as if he or she is the most important person in your life at that moment. You might want to think through a decision that involves those around you. Reactions, as you'll see, might be strong. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Others let you know what they want and expect. It is your call if you are going to give it to them. Think positively and create more of what you want. You easily could overspend. Curb uncontrolled wildness. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You might be more pushed than you realize and need to take a break. Think about what must be done as opposed to what you are going to get done. Be positive about your alternatives. Good things will happen. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You have the ability to creatively adjust. You might want to carefully rethink your priorities. If you want to make a move, you will need to investigate and get feedback. Evaluate more of what you feel, and situations will work. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You are coming from a

HOME INSURANCE advertisement for KFB Farm Bureau, offering house and manufactured home insurance. Includes phone number 753-4703.

CAMPBELL REALTY advertisement featuring agents Melanie Koehler and Tracy Williams. Contact information: 112 N. 12th • Murray • 759-8780.

patriot Metal and Building Products advertisement, specializing in metal roofing and building packages. Contact: 270-251-2770.

Relay For Life Luminaria Ceremony advertisement for MSU's Roy Stewart Stadium. Includes a form to request a luminaria for \$5.00, with contact information for Carol Sims (270) 753-1578.

TV Listings Tuesday, April 18, 2006

TUESDAY MORNING TV listings table with columns for channel, time, and program titles.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

TUESDAY AFTERNOON TV listings table with columns for channel, time, and program titles.

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