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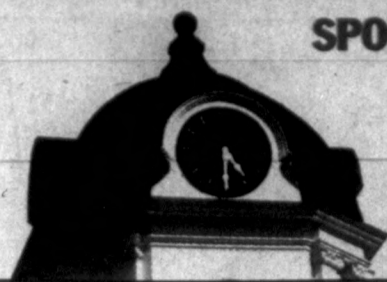
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DES: Documents make claim it is rescue squad

By GREG TRAVIS
 Staff Writer

Ronnie Burkeen, chief of the Murray-Calloway County D.E.S. (Disaster and Emergency Services) Rescue Squad, says the recent confusion and misunderstandings regarding the use of the words "rescue squad" by different organizations could be easily alleviated if local authorities would simply instruct others to stop using the name in conjunction with their agencies.

"We are the rescue squad and the others are fire departments," he said. "Others can call themselves anything they want, but that doesn't make them a 'rescue squad.' We are the only body in the county that is recognized by county and state officials to operate as a rescue squad in Calloway County."

Burkeen said the confusion recently resurfaced between DES and Calloway County Fire-Rescue. For some time all the fire departments and the D.E.S. Rescue Squad have worked together for the safety and concern of the citizens of the area. He also said he would like to see D.E.S. removed from their name and just go by the Murray-Calloway County Rescue Squad.

According to a story in Saturday's *Ledger & Times*, Calloway County Fire-Rescue Chief Greg Cherry said their corporation's attorney recently filed certificates of assumed names to be the legal holder of "Calloway County Rescue Squad," "Murray-Calloway County Rescue Squad," "Calloway Rescue Squad" and "Murray Rescue Squad."

However, Burkeen and David Waldrop, assistant chief, believe a July 14, 1994 executive order from then-Calloway County Judge-Executive J.D. Williams and the fiscal court substantiates their position. The order reads, in part:

"Whereas, the Fiscal Court of

Calloway County desires to provide for the rescue service needs of Calloway County residents at all times; and

"Whereas, the Fiscal Court of Calloway County has so ordered the establishment of a rescue squad unit to serve the interests of county government in a court order dated 14, August, 1984;

"Now, therefore, I, J.D. Williams, judge-executive of Calloway County, in order to carry out the mandate of the Fiscal Court, do hereby order and direct the following:

"There is hereby created the Murray-Calloway County DES Rescue Squad which shall be the agency of county government having primary responsibility and authority for the providing of rescue services in Calloway County. The provision of rescue services includes, but is not limited to, the necessary functions of planning, training, equipping, fund-raising, publicizing, maintenance and execution of emergency response and recovery. The Murray-Calloway County Rescue Squad shall, for administrative and accountability purposes, be a unit of the Calloway County DES's office and shall function under the direction of the Calloway County DES Coordinator and the Chief Officer of Rescue in the above chain of command. ..."

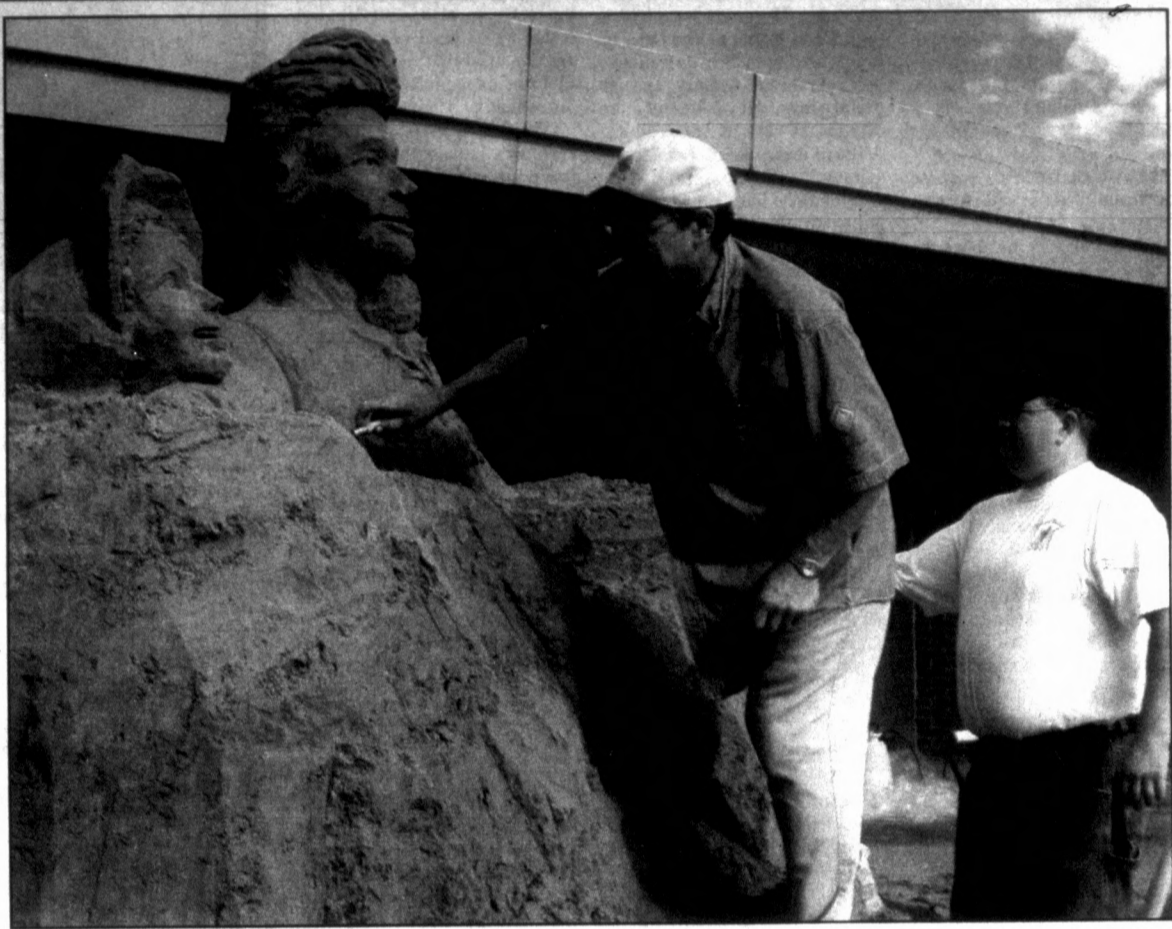
Burkeen, who said he had talked to regional and state DES officials, pointed out that in his agency's "Statement of Affiliation for Calloway County Search and Rescue Squad," the group shall serve the citizens of Calloway County by "providing fully trained and equipped personnel who will take the lead role in the following types of missions: land search and rescue; water search and rescue; urban search and rescue and building collapse; high angle rescue; damage assessment; pro-

incurring any debt. "It is for patients who are recovering from complicated surgery or from strokes who will be rehabilitated on a short-term, acute basis before they return to their home setting," he said. "We would pay cash for this and would not need to borrow money."

The rehab facility will be constructed in addition to a planned \$30 million expansion project that could kick off as early as next year. Bailey said it will enable local patients to get treatment in their own home town without having to travel elsewhere to get treatment.

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GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times

THE SAND MAN: Ken Abrams, left, of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, works in the sand as he creates a giant sculpture for this year's Freedom Fest celebration. Spectators can view the sand sculpture at the corner of South 5th Street and Poplar Street. Abrams said he had been sculpting sand since 1994 and usually does a couple of pieces per year. He said the sculpture will be completed by Saturday. Abrams said he was extremely pleased with Murray and the beautiful Kentucky scenery. He said he would like to come back next year and spend more time in the community. Helping Abrams is Charles Reed, a Murray State University senior from Providence. Reed is an architectural engineering and tech education major.

MCCH moving forward with acute rehab center

By TOM BERRY
 Staff Writer

Murray-Calloway County Hospital is moving forward on the construction of an acute rehabilitation center. Following a meeting of the MCCH Board of Directors at the hospital Wednesday, CEO Keith Bailey said the new \$688,000 facility could be paid for by the hospital from existing funding without incurring any debt.

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at the center are apparently lower than those at the hospital's former facility.

Bloemer said the hospital decided to charge the lower rate for at least the following year in the interest of patients pending any changes the board may want to make in the future. He said the decision was made so patients moved from the hospital to Spring Creek would not see a rate increase.

"Our finances are good enough we can do that," Bloemer said. "We went to the low rate and that's where we are."

All of the hospital's long-term care patients have now been moved out of the former LTC center to Spring Creek and the space the center once occupied is now under renovation for the construction of a new women's health center.

The board also heard a report from Bloemer that MCCH is in excellent financial condition to proceed with an estimated \$40 million expansion project that would provide a new emergency room, an operating room and other badly needed facilities at the hospital. Bonds will be issued for \$30 million of debt to pay for the construction with an additional \$10 million in existing reserve funding to pay the cost of bonding and to purchase equipment.

In other business the board: • heard a report from Bailey that an advertisement would soon be placed in the Murray Ledger & Times and other venues for the purpose of hiring a director of charitable giving.

The job would include seeking charitable gifts to benefit the hospital as well as seeking

FYI

An annual meeting of the MCCH Board of Directors, the Murray City Council and Calloway County Fiscal Court is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Murray Room at Murray State University's Region Special Events Center for approval of resolutions of support from the board and Calloway Fiscal Court for pursuing the construction project. The Murray City Council approved a resolution during action June 22.

grants from state, federal and private sources. He noted that the position could be filled by one or two part-time personnel. The board is also seeking someone to head a committee focused on funding development projects.

"There is some potential out there if we can make it go," said Dr. Jack Rose, board chairman.

— set a special-called meeting of the board for 8 a.m. on Friday, July 7. According to Rose, the meeting will consist entirely of an executive session to consider pending litigation with no decision expected for the board to take action on afterward.

— temporarily adjourned the regular board meeting to enter into a quarterly meeting of the MCCH Emergency Medical Services board of directors for approval of an effort to train hospital emergency medical technicians how to incubate patients for transfer to other facilities.



Kathy Crouch

Crouch is named new East principal

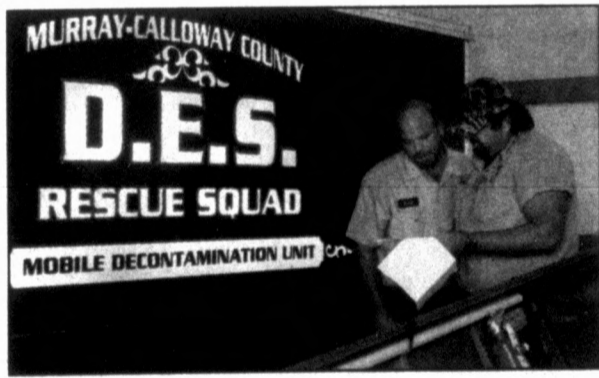
Special to the Ledger

Kathy Crouch has been named the next principal at East Calloway Elementary School. She will bring to her new position 16 years experience in education, five of those as an elementary principal.

For the past two years she has taught sixth grade language arts at Calloway County Middle School. Crouch and her husband, Keith, make their home in Graves County. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Calloway County Superintendent of Schools Steve Hoskins said he was delighted to welcome Mrs. Crouch to her new position and added that he expects great things to continue at East Elementary.

Crouch moves into the spot vacated by Fred Ashby, who was recently named the Calloway County Schools Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP).



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Ronnie Burkeen, right, chief of the Murray-Calloway County D.E.S. Rescue Squad, and David Waldrop, assistant chief, look over papers stating their agency as the recognized rescue squad for Murray and Calloway County.

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Williams: GOP has 'serious doubts' about Fletcher

By **JOE BIESK**
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Senate President David Williams said Wednesday he and fellow Republicans have "serious doubts" about the re-electability of the governor, who is under indictment in a state hiring scandal.

Williams made the statement in response to reporters' questions about whether the Burkesville Republican would rule out a 2007 gubernatorial run of his own.

He also declined to endorse Gov. Ernie Fletcher's re-election efforts.

"We have concerns about the governor's re-electability, a lot of people do. So obviously, we have those concerns, and everyone is going to have to see what develops," Williams told reporters. "Many Republicans have concerns about his re-electability."

Williams would not detail the reasons for his concerns but said they were shared by other "Republican leaders" in Kentucky.

Fletcher said he disagreed with Williams' assessment of his current political standing and claimed he's experienced "a lot of support" from people across

the state. "I think that's probably, you know, his opinion," Fletcher said of Williams' comments. Fletcher said he still enjoyed political support throughout the state.

"As I see it, we get out across the state, the support is very, very strong," Fletcher said.

Fletcher became Kentucky's first Republican governor in more than 30 years with his election over now-U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler in the 2003 gubernatorial race. The governor ran on a promise to "clean up the mess in Frankfort," but has been indicted by a Franklin County special grand jury on misdemeanor charges of official misconduct, political discrimination and conspiracy.

Fletcher has pleaded not guilty to the charges that he broke state law by rewarding political supporters with protected state jobs after he took office in 2003.

Williams' comments came in a crowded Capitol Rotunda, moments before Fletcher signed into law an approximately \$45 million tax cut for Kentucky businesses. Williams said he liked Fletcher, but was "not in the habit of endorsing people that do not appear to be re-electable."

"The governor is a nice person, he's just gotten himself in a very difficult situation and doesn't seem to be able to extract himself from it," Williams said.

"I can't speak for all of the Republicans, but I know that I'm very supportive of the governor myself."

— Sen. Ken Winters
R-Murray

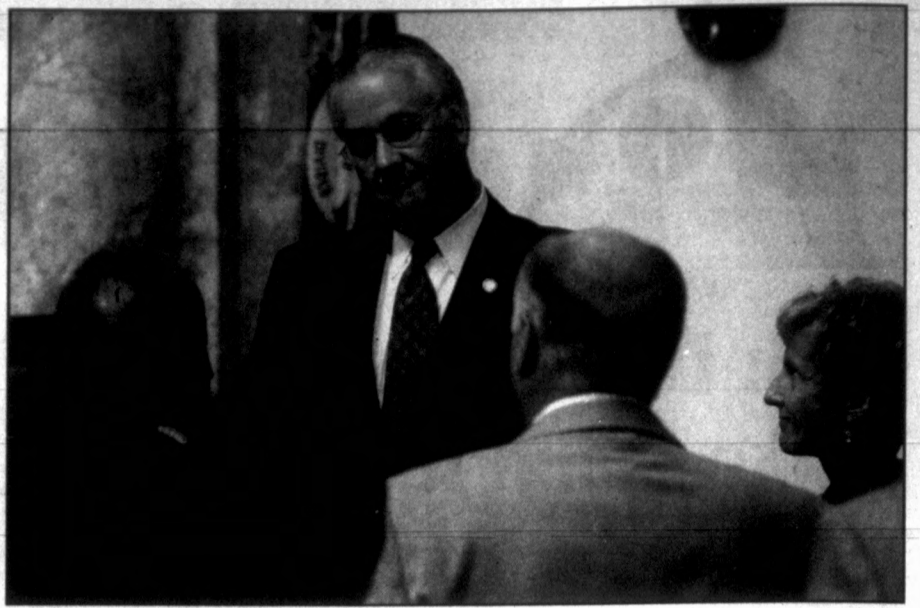
Fletcher's former running mate, Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, announced earlier this month he was pulling out of the governor's 2007 re-election contest. At the time, Pence also said he was resigning as head of the state's Justice Cabinet — a move Fletcher expedited by replacing him ahead of schedule.

Pence also snubbed Fletcher's request that he resign from his elected post as lieutenant governor. Previously, the state Republican Party ignored Fletcher's call for the resignation of chairman Darrell Brock.

Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, said it was "very bad news" for the governor.

"Senior Republicans have decided to give him public hints since apparently he isn't getting the private hints," Sabato said. "It reminds me of Nixon in the last stages when just about everybody in his party knew he had to go, and some were telling him privately, and some were making public statements."

Sabato said Pence's recent move to drop off of Fletcher's ticket, combined with Williams'



Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, center, pauses during a brief committee meeting in the Senate chambers Wednesday in Frankfort, Ky. At a bill signing later in the Capitol Rotunda, Williams said he and fellow Republicans have "serious doubts" about Gov. Ernie Fletcher's re-electability.

comments, were "two good signs that the party believes that Fletcher should move on."

House Minority Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, said he still supported Fletcher. Hoover said "all Republicans" were concerned about Fletcher's future.

"The governor has to see how circumstances unfold over the next few months and he's going

to have to make a decision," Hoover said. "He's got a trial coming up and other things, and I think he will either decide to stay on the course he is or choose some other course."

Fletcher has already announced his intentions to seek a second term and has picked Robbie Rudolph, the secretary of his executive cabinet, as his new running mate.

Sen. Ken Winters, R-Murray, said Fletcher still had "strong support" in western Kentucky.

"I can't speak for all of the Republicans, but I know that I'm very supportive of the governor myself," Winters said. "Watching things develop is something that we all have to stay consciously aware of, I don't know what has brought us to this point."

DES ...

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viding emergency electrical power, and decontamination of the public chemical contamination.

It also notes that they will "respond and assist other agencies and departments, but not take the lead role in the following types of missions: vehicular accidents, trench and confined space and rescue, weather spotting, crowd and vehicle control, bomb threats and weapons of mass destruction attacks, debris removal, emergency medical services support, and hazardous material releases."

Burke said his agency does assist with many of these type situations on a regular basis, but the statement notes that his agency "will not respond to structural fires and law enforcement criminal activities."

According to Cherry, CCFR expanded its rescue role into responding to blazes in the 1960s. At that time, he said, the volunteer force was run strictly on donations and gradually accumulated trucks and boats.

By 1984, the fire tax district was formed and the operations were split into two groups — fire and rescue. The fire side is run with these tax dollars, which generates about \$425,000. Meanwhile, donations maintain the rescue side of the department.

Cherry said CCFR cleared \$18,081 last year in its by-mail fund-raiser to help maintain and upgrade rescue-related equipment.

Burke said the D.E.S. Rescue Squad receives no tax money, but does receive a monthly allotment of \$500 from the fiscal court.

"We were in the process of conducting a fund raiser to help with the purchase of new equipment when all this confusion started back up," he said. "But this has stopped those efforts."

He said the recent situation is serious because many operational costs are out-of-pocket expenses. "We are a volunteer agency and that \$500 per month gets exhausted in a hurry. We don't receive large amounts of money generated from fire taxes."

Burke said it is also the public that suffers the most when confusion like this happens and that county and state officials should enforce rules and regulations that have already been established in order to help end the confusion.

"It's time we get this straightened out," he said.

Trigg County sheriff runs over, kills man

Staff Report

CERULEAN, Ky. — The Kentucky State Police is investigating the death of a Trigg County man killed during an domestic disturbance investigation involving Trigg County Sheriff Randy Clark.

About 4 a.m. Thursday, Clark responded to a 911 call to residence in Cerulean, about 8 miles northeast of Cadiz, concerning a domestic situation. As he exited his vehicle, Clark said Michael E. Sowell, 37, confronted him with a handgun and refused to obey his verbal commands.

Clark said he got back in his vehicle and called for backup from sheriff's deputies. He then

attempted to retreat from the scene to await the arrival of the officers. However, as Clark was attempting to make a turn to exit the property, Sowell reportedly walked into the path of the vehicle and was struck.

Trigg County Coroner John Vinson pronounced Sowell dead at the scene. An autopsy conducted at the medical examiner's laboratory in Madisonville showed Sowell died of multiple blunt-force trauma.

Vinson, the Trigg County Sheriff's office, and Cadiz Police assisted state police at the scene. An investigation is continuing by KSP Det. David Archer and Sgt. Brent White.

Las Vegas airport hostage incident was suicide attempt

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A teenager wanted to provoke police to kill him in a suicide attempt when he abducted a child at knifepoint and ran through a security checkpoint at McCarran International Airport, authorities said.

Michael John Allgood, 19, was in critical condition at a Las Vegas hospital on Wednesday, a

day after officers shot him in the arm and chest.

Allgood said something immediately after the shooting that "indicates that he made a deliberate attempt to provoke a confrontation with an officer to end his life," said police Capt. Jim Dillon, though he would not elaborate.

Allgood snatched a 3-year-

old boy from a toy store near the security checkpoint. Holding the child, he bolted through an exit lane and was met by police inside the security area.

"At one point, Allgood loosened his grasp on the boy and took the knife away from the child's throat in order to lunge at one of the officers," Dillon said in a statement. One officer stunned Allgood with a Taser, and two officers each fired their handguns once.

The child was returned unharmed to his parents, who were only identified as being from southern Nevada. They said they did not know Allgood and watched as he grabbed their son, officials said.

Allgood faces charges of kidnapping with the use of a deadly weapon and felony child endangerment, Dillon said.

His parents, who were not identified, told police their son had a history of mental illness and had been acting strangely for about a year, Dillon said.

They said Allgood had been in Hawaii last week, though they did not know his whereabouts since then, Dillon said.

"We know he flew in (to Las Vegas) but we haven't established the particular flight," he said. "We know it was not in the last 24 hours."

Authorities said Allgood had attacked officers last December after his parents called them to their Wilsonville, Ore., home, saying their son had stopped taking his medication.

Police found Allgood naked and screaming at his mother and father. He attacked the two officers, who repeatedly used a stun gun to subdue him, Las Vegas police said.

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Governor signs law that would provide tax relief to businesses

By ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed a measure into law on Wednesday that provides tax relief for small businesses and improves Kentucky's chances of luring a pollution-free power plant to the state.

The measure cleared the General Assembly Wednesday morning and was quickly signed by Fletcher, only five working days after lawmakers returned to the Capitol for a special session.

Lawmakers wanted to complete the session as quickly as possible to keep down the cost, estimated at more than \$50,000 a day.

"This has been the shortest, most efficient session in Kentucky history," Fletcher told a crowd that gathered in the Rotunda for the bill signing ceremony.

Some lawmakers had pushed for amendments that would, among other things, lure a Cabela's store that caters to outdoors enthusiasts to Franklin and a call center to Glasgow that would provide about 500 jobs.

"While all those other issues are very important, and each had merit, there was division on those issues, and no one wanted the division to stop what is being done with this bill," said state Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield.

Fletcher praised lawmakers for putting partisan politics aside and dealing with the tax measure, even with next year's state elections looming.

Fletcher had said Tuesday evening he would not authorize Kentucky lawmakers to deal with other issues beyond an approximately \$45 million proposed tax cut for Kentucky businesses and a \$60 million to \$90 million in tax breaks to the prototype power plant called FutureGen.

Fletcher said his order for the legislature was "very narrowly drawn" and limited lawmakers to only consider a proposed tax cut for businesses and the FutureGen incentive package. The FutureGen power plant is touted as a near zero-emission facility that would convert coal



Gov. Ernie Fletcher is surrounded by legislators as he signs a small business tax relief bill into law Wednesday in Frankfort, Ky. The measure cleared the General Assembly Wednesday morning, and was quickly signed by Fletcher, only five working days after lawmakers returned to the Capitol for a special session.

into highly enriched hydrogen gas to fuel the generation of electricity.

Plans call for the 275-megawatt plant to capture most of its emissions of carbon dioxide — a "greenhouse" gas widely blamed for global warming — and inject them permanently into underground reservoirs, a process called sequestration.

Lawmakers returned to Kentucky's Capitol last week. The proposed business tax cuts are intended to help about 70,000 businesses hit by a 2005 tax code overhaul. Some small businesses with large receipts but little or no profits had larger tax bills as a result of the change. Traditionally, those companies would have paid little or nothing in state taxes.

Businesses that have less than \$3 million in annual gross profits or receipts, but make little or no net profit, and businesses with annual gross profits or receipts between \$3 million and \$6 million receipts would see relief under the plan.

Tom Underwood, state director of the National Federation of

Independent Business, said the bill helped existing small businesses and encouraged entrepreneurship in Kentucky.

"It's a great validation of the importance of small business to Kentucky's economy," Underwood said.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he was pleased the tax measure passed both chambers without any votes against it. However, Williams said he would have preferred having some of the other proposed initiatives included, particularly the Cabela's store.

"I think that we lost opportunity," he said.

But House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said lawmakers were intent on removing the increased tax burden on businesses that was created by the 2005 tax code overhaul.

"Our members just felt that we should just keep our eyes on the prize and we should just do what we were called here to do," Richards said.

First black justice appointed to Kentucky Supreme Court

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — William E. McNulty Jr. will become the first black to serve on the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced McNulty's appointment on Wednesday to replace Justice Martin E. Johnstone, who is retiring at the end of the month.

McNulty, of Louisville, currently serves on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. McNulty will finish Johnstone's term and is running for a seat on the Supreme Court.

"For the majority of the last three decades, Judge McNulty has tirelessly served the commonwealth, giving unselfishly of his time and abilities for the cause of justice," Fletcher said in a written statement released Wednesday. "He is the natural choice for this appointment, and it is well deserved."

Sara Combs, chief judge on the state Court of Appeals, praised Fletcher's choice.

"It is good to see Kentucky breaking ground ahead of many of our sister states in naming the first African-American to its highest court," she said in statement released by Fletcher's press office.

McNulty, 58, of Louisville, will serve until Dec. 31, when Johnstone's term would have expired.

However, he is currently campaigning for a full term on the high court against Jefferson County Circuit Judge Ann O'Malley Shake.

If Shake wins election, she would become only the third woman to serve on the state Supreme Court.

McNulty finished first in the May primary election, receiving 36,198 votes, three percentage points ahead of Shake.



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Murray Calloway County Hospital and the Murray Ledger and Times are proud to present Buel Stalls, Jr. as this month's Hometown Hero.

Buel Stalls, Jr. is truly a hometown hero. Buel is familiar to many in Murray because of his close association with the local Lions Club. As secretary since 1986, he has been a supporter of the club by heading up numerous fund raising projects including the radio auction, the charity golf tournament, and the bulb and broom sale, all of which raise funds to support Lions Eye Care projects locally and statewide. Buel's friends from the Lions Club would say that 90 percent of the work is done by 10 percent of the membership and Buel Stalls is a key part of that 10 percent. Buel regularly volunteers his time to other organizations like the Murray Calloway County Freedom Fest Committee and various committees associated with First United Methodist Church. Additionally, Buel served on the American Lupus Society national Board of Directors for 19 years and was a Board member of the Kentucky Special Olympics for six years.

"My grand dad and father taught me that everything you do in life is 75-80 percent common sense and the remaining is some expertise that one has in a certain field of interest," says Buel.

One theme that shines in Buel Stall's life is the need to give time and resources back to the community in some way that can benefit others. We salute Buel for his years of community service and encourage him to keep up the good work. We appreciate Buel Stalls and his contribution to Murray and Calloway County and that is why he was chosen as this month's HomeTown Hero!

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Stemming the Flood

Parts of Washington, D.C., are under water following record rainfall, but leaks into basements and government offices aren't as big a problem as leaks coming out of some government agencies.

A recent leak to *The New York Times* and some other newspapers revealed a previously secret program by the Bush administration to examine foreign banking transactions in its pursuit of terrorists with ties to al-Qaida. The banking transactions mostly involve wire transfers and other methods of moving money overseas. This isn't about examining our canceled checks for items that might embarrass us before prying eyes.



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist

White House Press Secretary Tony Snow came up with a sound bite most people will understand: "The *New York Times* and other news organizations ought to think long and hard about whether a public's right to know in some cases might override somebody's right to live."

President Bush went further. He said disclosure of the program is "disgraceful," and then he got to the real culprit: "For people to leak that program and for a newspaper to publish it does great harm to the United States of America."

Whatever the culpability of the *Times* and the other newspapers (more about that in a moment), the first harm was caused by the person, or persons, who leaked the secret information. It probably violated the oath that allowed them to have their jobs and draw their paychecks from our tax dollars.

In other wars, such behavior might have resulted in the perpetrator being shot as a traitor. Today, anyone with a political ax to grind can leak classified information in order to undermine an administration with which the person does not agree.

The decent thing to do would be to resign in protest, but today's traitors keep their jobs and their paychecks and live to leak another day. They should be hunted down and prosecuted.

As for *The New York Times*, executive editor Bill Keller issued a condescending statement, possibly in response to an avalanche of critical mail. Keller wraps himself in the words of the Founding Fathers, who, he says, "rejected the idea that it is wise, or patriotic, to always take the President at his word, or to surrender to the government important decisions about what to publish." As a regular reader of *The New York Times*, I can say that the newspaper rarely, if ever, takes President Bush at his word.

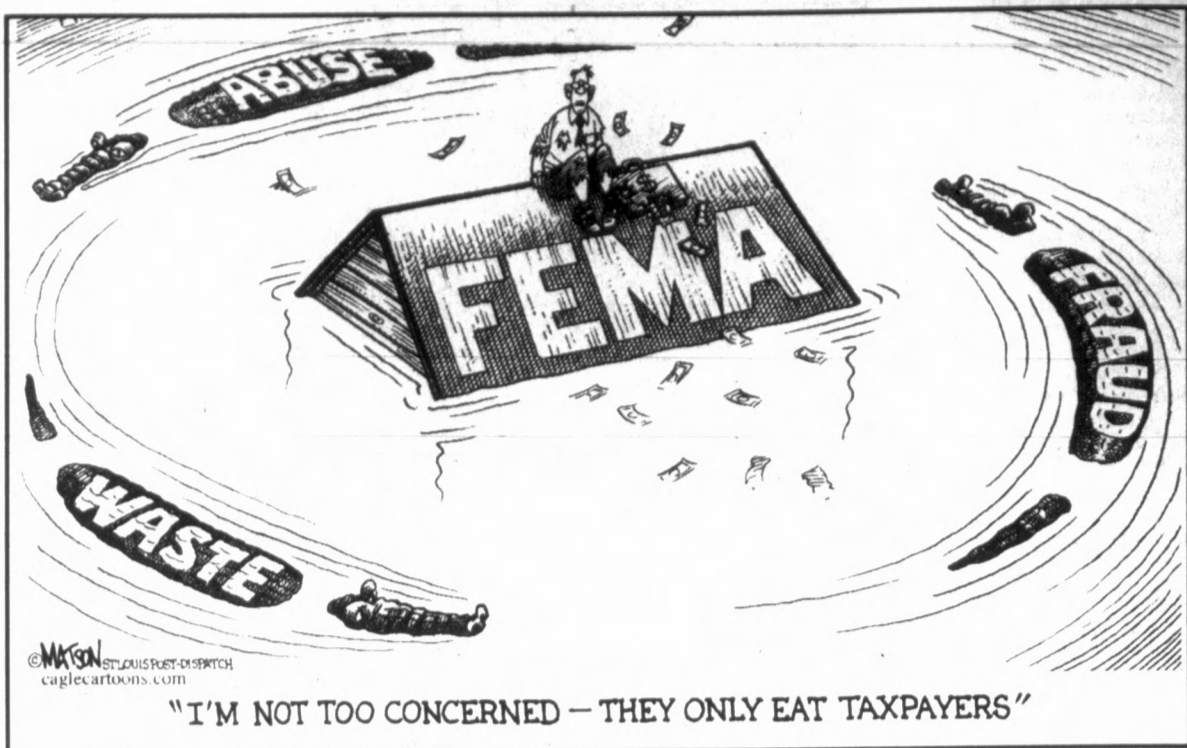
This isn't about the privileges guaranteed by the First Amendment. It is about the agenda practiced by the *Times* and some other newspapers and media outlets that clearly want the administration to fail in Iraq — and in everything else — so that Democrats will retake the reigns of government. *The Times*' editorial board tears what one more Republican term could do to the left's judicially imposed cultural realignment and wants to blunt the Bush administration's counteroffensive.

Their agenda was summed up by *New York Times* publisher Arthur Sulzberger in a commencement address at the State University of New York, New Paltz, on May 21. Sulzberger apologized to the students: "You weren't supposed to be graduating into an America fighting a misbegotten war in a foreign land. You weren't supposed to be graduating into a world where we are still fighting for fundamental human rights, be it the rights of immigrants to start a new life, the rights of gays to marry, or the rights of women to choose."

If a newspaper publisher regards a war as "misbegotten," isn't it likely he will do all he can to bring that war to an immediate end, even if it means publishing secret efforts to defeat the terrorist enemy, not only in Iraq but in the United States?

The conservative *National Review* magazine recommends the White House pull the credentials of *New York Times* correspondents. I have a better idea. Let the administration refuse to speak with *Times* reporters on grounds they cannot be trusted.

For too long, the Bush administration has tried to play cozy with the media elites. It has gamined them nothing. *Times* reporters should be publicly ridiculed and verbally flogged because they richly deserve it for giving aid and comfort to America's terrorist enemies.



OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,
Your article on Tuesday (June 26) quoted people who were in favor of an amendment to the U. S. constitution to protect "The Flag." I must point out that "The Flag" is a symbol of our country and as such, cannot be burned. Symbols live on as long as people attach meaning to them.

You can take copies of "The Flag" and fly them in your yard, stick them to your car, and wear them on your clothing. You can even destroy them. As a matter of fact, the preferred method of destroying worn copies of U. S. flags is to burn them. So why is it OK to burn a flag for disposal and not OK to burn it in protest? The answer is obvious. Most people simply do not approve of the symbolic speech inherent in burning a flag in protest, but such acts are the very essence of the first amendment to the U. S. constitution.

Two people in the Ledger article called "The Flag" sacred. One of them was an attorney! A quick reference to any dictionary will clear this misconception up, unless you consider the United States worthy of religious worship. I don't. I love my country but I vote to hold the government accountable and by no means consider it sacred.

Being a political independent, I am no fan of Senator McConnell, but he is voting against his own political fortunes by voting "NO" for this amendment. He is voting on principle and hope you will support his vote and free speech in the United States.

Sincerely,
Dan Thompson
Murray, Ky.

To the Editor,
The president is impatient with the Iraqis. He has made an offer and he wants an answer. Now. Not weeks from now. He has offered them a package of incentives to close down their program of developing nuclear energy.

The Iraqis have already given their answer. But it is not the answer the president wants. The Iraqis' answer is no. The president wants them to say "Thank you for the package. We will do what you want us to do."

What is in the package? Nobody has told the American people what is in the package. Is it a Trojan Horse? Nobody has told the Iraqis a good reason for turning over their lives to the American president. They have seen what we've done to Iraq; they do not want the same thing to happen to Iran.

The president fears the Iraqis will make a bomb and use it on Israel or

on us. The Iraqis know that both Israel and America already have the bomb. America alone has used it. Nagasaki and Hiroshima bear witness to our use of the bomb.

So the Iraqis are waiting. They are studying the contents of the package. The president thinks they are taking too long to study it. If the Iraqis had waited and studied that wooden horse long enough for its contents to give off an odor instead of hauling it inside the gates, the walls of Troy would still be standing and the Greek soldiers would still be outside beating on their shields and still bragging about their divine ancestry.

If the Iraqis will wait long enough and study the package closely enough, they will see whether we make fools of ourselves by trying to shoot down the North Korean missile.

The genie is out of the bottle, folks. We let him out; we can't put him back in.

Henry A. Buchanan
Murray, Ky.

I am taken aback, though not surprised, by the back and forth bickering between the Senate and the House of Representatives on the war in Iraq and whether or not to withdraw our troops from Iraq. In the June 26 issue of U.S. News and World Report, Michael Barone reported that "the Senate voted 93 to 6 ... and the House 256 to 153 ... against U.S. withdrawal from Iraq." The question "of just what Democrats would do if in power" was answered by "the ranking House Armed Services Democrat Ike Shelton: For the moment they are ... 'absolutely' divided."

I am not surprised because the heated debates take me back to the Vietnam War era, and we all know how the political battle lines were drawn; which divided our nation in a rampage of protesters rallying in crowded streets.

Why the war of words about the war in Iraq and troop withdrawal? Tempers continue to flare on Capitol Hill from the war's beginning in 2003, when senators spoke against the war on behalf of their sons and daughters caught in the crossfires inside the war zone, to the present day, almost hostile wrangling debates of whether or not our troops should cut and run from the conflict or stay put in Iraq.

The constant flaming outbursts on Capitol Hill are further fueled by the Bush Administration's and the media's concern about Bush's approval rating. The term "cut and run" has woven itself through and through the fabric of political rhetoric. First of all, my daughter has never cut and run from any conflict or difficult situation.

My daughter, whose name and rank shall remain anonymous, now serves in Iraq and hopefully will return home soon. Whether or not I support President Bush's preempted war on Iraq, my daughter, and thousands of other sons and daughters, are over there in the line of fire, mortars and rocket shells, putting their lives on the line.

Every American has the First Amendment right to express his/her views or opinions. Free speech defines the democracy that the terrorists detest. We are able to respond to every domestic, moral, foreign and political issue that poses collective and individual concerns.

But I have more questions than opinions. Perhaps my questions are opinions.

How does the constant political debating (and bickering) on Capitol Hill help the troops in the day-to-day, night-after-night fighting on the hot, stinging sand or the house-to-house warfare in dusty, primitive villages? What kind of message does the battle of words on Capitol Hill send to our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, around the world and Guantanamo Bay?

How does a divided Senate and House of Representatives build troop morale overseas? How does a divided government, particularly divided political parties, unite the American people? How, if at all, will blaming the Bush Administration, the government, or any one person in particular, bring our troops home sooner?

We had already witnessed (and endured) the cataclysmic effects of the stormy debates on Capitol Hill during Vietnam, which turned the American public against the returning troops from that conflict.

Fact: Thousands of troops are fighting a very different war in Iraq and Afghanistan. In every military branch, our soldiers are fighting, policing or peacekeeping around the world, and troops still guard some of the most notorious and dangerous terrorists in Guantanamo Bay. Fact: Military personnel and manpower are stretched beyond the breaking point. How does the heated battle of words on Capitol Hill help our troops fight an invisible insurgency?

Answers to these questions elude us because as long as divisive, angry words escalate on Capitol Hill, the division of the American people widens.

My concern is that unresolved debates tend to stir the emotions of the people and provoke disunity. I would hate to see history repeat itself.

Respectfully,
Margaret R. Elkins
Murray, Ky.



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Obituaries

Lucian Edward Palmer

Lucian Edward Palmer, 71, Gatewood Drive, Murray, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 1:40 p.m. at his home.



An army veteran during the Berlin Crisis, he had retired as a poultry and meat inspector with the USDA with 40 years of service. An active cattle farmer, he was a member of Goshen United Methodist Church and of the board of Murray-Calloway County Transit Authority.

Born April 30, 1935, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Raymond Palmer and Jessie Brooks Lockhart Palmer.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Linda Eldridge Palmer; two daughters, Mrs. Pamela Wilford and husband, Charles, Mayfield, and Mrs. Beverly Lemons and husband, Tim, Murray; one son, Maj. Richard Palmer and wife, Carla, Louisville; six grandchildren, Erin Phelps, Matthew England, Jessica Molle', Brittany Lemons, Kathryn Palmer and Kurtis Palmer; one great-granddaughter, Allie Ann Phelps.

The funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Churchill-Imes Family Funeral Home. Rev. Tim Palmer will officiate. Entombment will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Mozelle Phillips

The funeral for Mozelle Phillips will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. David Allbritten and Rev. Forrest Carver will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Thursday). Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice, Murray-Calloway County Hospital, 803 Poplar St., Murray, KY 42071.

Mr. Phillips, 83, Meadow Lane, Murray, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 1:30 a.m. at his home. A retired captain of the Murray Police Department, he had also worked for Bill Crouse Motor Sales. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Palestine United Methodist Church.

Born Feb. 21, 1923, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Ernest Phillips and Cozy Outland Phillips. Also preceding him in death were three sisters, Ernestine Norman, Juanita Herndon and Marion Phillips, and three brothers, R.J., Edward and Joe Phillips.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lunelle Phillips; one daughter, Mrs. Brenda Oakley and husband, Bruce, Murray; one son, Joe Wayne Colson and wife, Dorothy, Benton; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Ray, Murray, and Mrs. Evelyn Koerber and husband, Glenn, Romulus, Mich.; two brothers, Garvin Phillips and Harold Phillips and wife, Faye, all of Murray; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Larue Stanfield

A graveside service for Mrs. Larue Stanfield was Wednesday at Water Valley Cemetery. Rev. Gerald Barnes and Rev. David Gargus officiated. Brown Funeral Home of Wingo was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Stanfield, 81, Mayfield, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at 5:45 p.m. at Parkway Regional Hospital, Fulton. She was a member of Bayou-de-Chien Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was the daughter of the late Grover Adams and Ethel Suiter Adams. Survivors include her husband, Ray Stanfield; one son, William Adams, Murray; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Lisa Carol Macklin, Hickman; one stepson, James Ray Stanfield, Hickman; five grandchildren.

Milton F. Routh

A graveside service for Milton F. Routh was Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens, Villa Ridge. Rev. Herschel Spears officiated. Barkett Funeral Home of Cairo, Ill., was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Blandville Baptist Church Building Fund, 5560 Bethlehem Rd., Wickliffe, KY 42087.

Mr. Routh, 69, Wickliffe, formerly of Murray, died Saturday, June 24, 2006, at his home.

An army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of Blandville Baptist Church at Blandville, Elks Lodge of Clewiston, Fla., and Bandana Lodge #537 of Free and Accepted Masons. Born Feb. 14, 1937, in Seymour, Ind., he was the son of the late Howard Douglas Routh and Clara Mae Patterson Routh. Also preceding him in death were his parents-in-law, Murray and Ruth Bryant. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Kay Bryant Routh; one daughter, Mrs. Elaine Kell, Paducah; one son, Dusty Routh, Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren.

Mrs. Dorothy Teeple

Mrs. Dorothy Teeple, 75, Murray, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 10:45 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement.

Paid Obituary

Mrs. Helen Roberts

The funeral for Mrs. Helen Roberts will be Friday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Rev. Richard Smith will officiate. Pallbearers will be Joe Stonecipher, Jim Green, Nick Butt, Otis Erwin, Charles Homra and Dan McNutt. Entombment will follow at the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday).

Mrs. Roberts, 80, Bilher Lane, Murray, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at 4 p.m. at her home.

She had retired as a registered nurse after 41 years of service, but she had been a volunteer at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Business Women's Association and Kenlake Ladies Golf League.

Survivors include her husband, William W. Roberts; one daughter, Ms. Christie A. Bundy and husband, Rocky, Decatur, Ill.; two sons, Douglass M. Roberts and wife, Marilyn, Centralia, Ill., and Bradley D. Roberts and wife, Leslie, Maroa, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Leona F. Gregory and husband, William T., Hendersonville, N.C.; one brother, Dale L. Keil and wife, Charlene, Independence, Iowa; five grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two step foster great-grandchildren.

Convicted killer Paul Reid spared execution

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Convicted murderer Paul Dennis Reid was spared Wednesday from becoming the third person to be executed in Tennessee in 45 years when federal courts declined to overrule a stay issued by a judge the day before.

Despite repeated efforts by the state attorney general's office to be allowed to execute Reid before his execution order expired at 11:59 p.m., a federal appeals court and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to intervene.

Earlier Wednesday the state executed Sedley Alley, convicted of raping and killing a jogger. Tennessee had scheduled back-to-back executions for Alley and Reid. But Reid's execution was delayed by a federal judge who said a hearing was needed to determine if the inmate was mentally competent to give up appeals of seven death sentences.

Under state court rules, the Tennessee Supreme Court has to set a new execution date if Reid was not executed by midnight. In most cases, it takes weeks or months. After the U.S. Supreme Court's denial Reid was taken from a death watch area near the execution chamber, where he had been kept since the weekend, back to his normal cell on death row.

"We don't anticipate any action tonight," prison spokeswoman Dorinda Carter said, standing down media witnesses and family members who had been advised to arrive at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison at noon Wednesday.

Soldier killed in Iraq honored for devotion to duty and family

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The remains of Texas soldier captured and brutalized in Iraq were buried Wednesday following a funeral Mass attended by hundreds of veterans, local residents and area dignitaries and officiated by a Catholic bishop and a dozen area priests.

Local residents carrying U.S. flags lined the route of the funeral procession, and workers emerged from area businesses, some in fast food uniforms or nursing scrubs, to join them. Menchaca has been described as a quiet young man who was newly married and devoted to the Army. He hoped his military experience would qualify him for a career with the U.S. Border Patrol.



Kristian Menchaca was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and a Prisoner of War medal.

Menchaca, 23, was one of three soldiers to die after a June 16 insurgent attack at the checkpoint they were guarding. He and another soldier, Pfc. Thomas Tucker of Madras, Ore., went missing for three days before their mutilated and booby-trapped bodies were recovered. The third soldier, Spc. David J. Babineau, of Springfield, Mass., died in the attack.

Diocese of Brownsville Bishop Raymundo Pena spoke during the bilingual Mass of Menchaca's valor and sacrifice. Some of Menchaca's relatives crossed the border to be with his family. His mother, Maria Vasquez, was born in Mexico and most of his family now lives

in Brownsville. "News reports about the circumstances of Kris' death in Iraq could lead us to an unholy rage and anger, but that would only dishonor Kristian's very name and Kristian himself," Pena said. "We must, as he did, reach for the ideal: to work for peace and an end to conflict wherever we may find it."

Border Patrol agents joined police and uniformed veterans lined up at the cemetery as a Fort Campbell honor guard carried the flag-covered coffin to the grave. Border Patrol Chief Lynne Underdown, who attended the ceremony, issued a written statement.

"Although we are brought here today by a profoundly sorrowful event, we are also here to pay homage to his memory, his patriotism and his commitment to protect our country and preserve our way of life," she said.

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Precautions given to stay cool this summer

When it is hot outside, our bodies also become hot, especially when working or playing outdoors. By taking some simple precautions, we



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can reduce the possibility of overheating and other health problems caused by the combination of high summer temperatures and humidity.

Adults normally need about 64 ounces of liquid a day, more during warmer weather.

During strenuous activities, drink one-half to one cup every 10 to 15 minutes, and continue to consume fluids afterwards to replace what you lost in perspiration.

Water is an ideal drink to cool your body.

When choosing other fluids consider the caffeine and sugar content.

Sweetened drinks add calories and the sugar draws fluids away from the muscles where water is needed.

Alternatives are fruit juices, decaffeinated iced tea, herbal tea or coffee, carbonated water and unsweetened

sports drinks. Drinking water is the best way to replace fluids unless you are under strenuous exercise or conditions such as a marathon.

Another way to increase your fluid intake is to choose foods with high water content such as lettuce, pears, tomatoes, oranges, apples, green beans, corn and bananas.

Perspiring is one way the body loses water. Dehydration occurs when we lose more fluids than we consume. Common symptoms include fatigue, headaches, dry nasal passages, cracked lips and overall discomfort. Dehydration may occur more rapidly in elderly people. It is a leading cause for hospitalization of people older than 65.

You still can enjoy the great outdoors by taking some simple precautions.

When possible, reduce or eliminate strenuous activities in the heat of the day; schedule them for a cool time of day.

Dress to help your body maintain its normal temperature. Light-weight, light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight.

Sunburn makes heat dissipation more difficult and is a high-risk factor in skin cancer development. If you must be outside, use a sunscreen with a skin protection factor of at least 15 and wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

For more information, contact the Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service.

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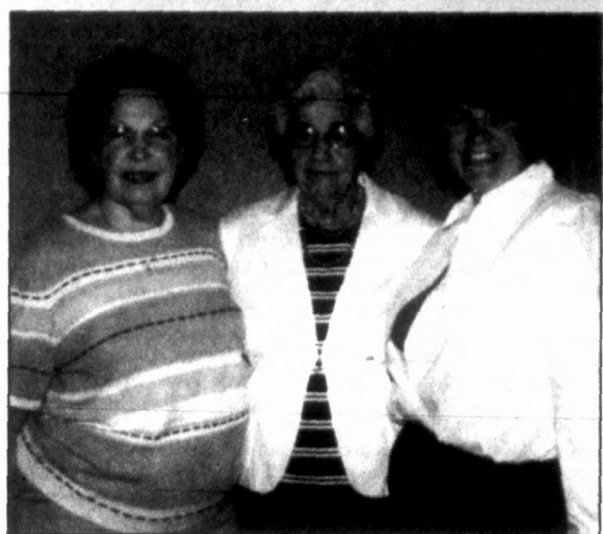
Area resident named to dean's list by school of law

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A student from Murray, Ky., has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law.

Named was Kelley Suzanne Travis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. David Travis of Murray.

She is a graduate of Calloway County High School and of Samford University.

To qualify for the honor, a law student must have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 10 credit hours of coursework.



Theta Department hostesses for the brunch were, from left, Naomi Rogers, Bess Kerlick and Ginny Harper.



Pat Harrington, right, installed the new officers present, from left, Jan Hough, Mary Lawson and Pat McMullin.

WMC Theta Department installs officers at brunch

Wilma Beatty and Pat McMullin were installed as co-chairs of the Theta Department of the Murray Woman's Club at a brunch held at Dumplin's.

Other officers installed were Sharon Siebold, vice chair; Mary Lawson, secretary, and Jan Hough, treasurer.

Pat Harrington, 2005-2006 president of the Murray Woman's Club, installed the new officers and presented each one present with a floral arrangement.

Retiring officers are Becky Rutledge, co-chair, Sylvia Puckett, vice chair, and Jeanetta Bennett, secretary.

The treasurer, Hough, presented a check for \$300 to Ginny Harper, Calloway County Extension agent for youth development to be used for scholarships for 4-H youth attending 4-H Camp.

The department's theme is "Helping Youth."

Special assignments for the various duties of the department were taken as well as for hostesses.

Serving as hostesses for the event were Harper, Naomi Rogers and Bess Kerlick.

The club will hold its first meeting on Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the club house.

Need Line places Mason jars in businesses

Murray-Calloway County Need Line will be placing Mason jars in various businesses around town.

Tonia Casey, executive director, said "the jars are conveniently placed where you can drop your 'spare change in to change a life'."

The money collected will

help provide families who are experiencing an emergency with basic human needs of water, shelter, food and life sustaining medication.

"Please give your spare change to help make a change in someone's life," Casey added.

Steele named by Lipscomb

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A student from the Murray, Ky., area has been honored at Lipscomb University for academic achievement during the fall semester, according to Dr. Craig Bledsoe, provost.

Brandon Steele of 998 Applewood Rd., Murray, has been placed on the provost's

list for the spring semester, according to Dr. Craig Bledsoe.

Steele is a Bible major at Lipscomb.

At the end of each semester, students who make perfect grades for the semester while taking at least 12 credit hours are named to the provost's list.

MCFC United U13B will host tryout camp



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

MCFC United U13B will host a tryout camp for all boys interested in playing U13 competitive/select soccer on July 5, 6 and 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Bee Creek.

Eligible players should have been born between Aug. 1, 1993 and July 31, 1995.

The camp will be conducted by the Heidi Mueller Futsal staff and the cost is \$60. Each one should bring a size 5 ball, shin guards and water.

For more information call Mike Bokeno at 227-5229.

Windsor reunion Sunday

Descendants and friends of the late John Windsor will have a reunion on Sunday at the Hazel Community Center. The doors will open at 11 a.m. and a potluck meal will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Memorial Baptists plan event

Memorial Baptist Church invites the public to stop by for a free pre-parade breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday. The church is located at the beginning of the Freedom Fest Parade route at the corner of 10th and Main Streets. Refreshments will also be served during the parade.

Family Fun Night on Friday

Family Fun Night will be Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Weeks Community Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray. Featured will be food, music, dancing and Karaoke. All ages are invited to attend this fund-raising event with proceeds to benefit programs for Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens and the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer) Programs of Calloway County. Admission will be \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. Children, 12 and under are free with adult supervision.

Red Cross Blood Drive Friday

Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross will have a blood drive on Friday from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Kroger, 808 North 12th St., Murray. Persons are urged to give blood to help with the shortage. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt and refreshments will be served.

Garland family reunion planned

Descendants of the John Franklin and Elizabeth Garland will have a reunion on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the school house pavilion at Murray-Calloway County Central Park. Those attending are requested to bring desserts and drinks, but other food and items will be furnished. For more information call Charlotte McClure at 753-9656.

Glory Bound on Friday

Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry will be Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Goshen United Methodist Church, Ky Hwy. 121 North at Stella. Featured groups will be Grandpa's Legacy, Glenda Newton and Bonita Smith. The public is invited and there is no charge. Items for Need Line will be taken. For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Patrick Lea at 761-2666.

Park pool special Saturday

A special admission of only \$1 with all passes accepted will be Saturday at the swimming pool at the Murray-Calloway County Central Park, according to Mike Sykes, aquatics director. Regular hours are noon to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Pool passes and life-guard applications are available at the park's office on Payne Street or call 762-0325. For information concerning the swimming pool call Sykes at 762-0324.

'Bark in the Park' scheduled

The Humane Society of Calloway County will host "Bark in the Park" on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Murray Central Park Courthouse pavilion. Featured will be fun, food, games and more for those attending with and without their dogs. Dogs will be microchipped for \$10. To volunteer or donate items for the event, contact the Human Society at 759-1884 or e-mail humanesociety@murray-ky.net.

Kirksey Class of 1956 plans reunion

Kirksey High School Class of 1956 will have its 50-year reunion on Friday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Murray State University Curris Center. All graduates or anyone who was part of the class at any time are invited. For more information call Patsy Hopkins Thomasson at 759-5494.

Wrestling Booster Club to meet

Calloway County Wrestling Booster Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at the Murray Fire Department downtown fire station. Persons may enter the station from the North Fifth Street entrance. All parents and supporters of Calloway and Little League Wrestlers are urged to attend. For more information call 492-8956.

Thursday TOPS Club will meet

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

Mother to Mother Group to meet

Mother to Mother, a support group for breastfeeding moms, is scheduled to meet Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Calloway Public Library. Featured will be refreshments and door prizes. Pregnant moms, dads and older children are welcome. For more information call Heather Duffy at 436-5657.

Clothes Closet open

Clothes Closet at Lighthouse Church is open every Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 227-5982.

Reformers Unanimous to meet Friday

Reformers Unanimous, a Christ-centered addictions program meets each Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eastwood Baptist Church. For information or need a ride call 753-1834.

MHS Class of 1956 plans reunion

Murray High School Class of 1956 will have its 50-year class reunion celebration on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the hotel at Kenlake State Resort Park. All graduates and anyone who was part of the class at any time as well as friends and family are invited to attend. Call Sondra Kyle Kader at 759-9684 or 293-9994 or e-mail to kylele@charter.net for more information.

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“Squealin’ on the Square” barbecue competition returns to Freedom Fest

There’s nothing like that sweet aroma of barbecue smoking on a grill, and this year that scent returns to the court square Saturday for the second annual “Squealin’ on the Square” barbecue competition, sponsored by Heritage Bank.

This year’s barbecue competition is one of three barbecue competitions in the state of Kentucky sanctioned by KCBS, the Kansas City Barbecue Society.

This prestigious ranking will bring competitors from several states to put their barbecue to the test.

KCBS is the world’s largest organization of barbecue lovers. They support over 150 contests annually. The mission of the Kansas City Barbecue Society is to celebrate, teach, preserve, and promote barbecue as a culinary technique, sport and art form. Their goal is to have barbecue recognized as America’s Cuisine.

Pit Masters will spend two full days of basting, seasoning and marinating to compete for the reign as “BBQ King.”

The competition will begin Friday night, with competitors

cooking all night. They will present their delicacies to a panel of certified judges following the parade Saturday. The criteria for judging will be based on flavor, tenderness, appearance and overall impression.

Cash and prizes will be awarded in both the professional and amateur competitions.

Vendors will also be on the square for spectators to enjoy a taste of barbecued perfection.

Pathways to Home Ownership workshop planned

Registration is going on now for teachers who want to attend a free workshop that will explain new ways to teach economics in compliance with Kentucky Core Content.

“Pathways to Home Ownership” will be held at Murray State University’s Business Building North (on 16th Street) in Room 201 on Wednesday, July 12, from 9 a.m. until noon. The workshop is presented by the Murray State University Center for Economic

Education and the Kentucky Real Estate Commission.

The workshop will familiarize teachers with the “Pathways to Home Ownership” web-based curriculum for high school students and adult learners. The curriculum is correlated to Kentucky Practical Living and Social Studies Core Content standards.

Developed by the Kentucky Real Estate Commission, the program examines the economic benefits of, and the path-

ways to residential home ownership.

Teachers who attend the workshop at Murray State will receive Professional Development Certificates and the “Pathways to Home Ownership” curriculum. A limited number of \$100 teacher stipends are also available.

For more information or to register, contact Dr. Kimberly P. Code of Northern Kentucky University at (859) 572-6685.



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HORSEBACK RIDING: Leticia Hornbuckle, director of Shining Stars Daycare Center at 309 Chestnut St., Murray, is pictured with students at the center saddling up for some horseback riding.

Land Between the Lakes plans activities for week

GOLDEN POND, Ky. — Land Between the Lakes has activities planned for the coming week.

The Homeplace, Nature Station and Golden Pond Planetarium are open daily. Admission is Ages 13 and up, \$3; ages 5-12, \$2; and ages 4 and under free with family.

Elk and Bison Prairie, located off 1-24, is open daily. Admission is \$3 per car.

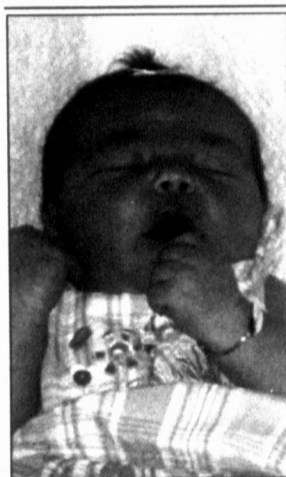
Shows at Golden Pond Planetarium include Planetarium Shows; Blown Away - The Wild World of Weather at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Ring World at 2 p.m. Mon-

day through Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Stars to Starfish at 11 a.m. daily; Kentucky Skies at 1 p.m. daily. Also featured are special Summer Nights at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Events at the Nature Station include Water Games for Eaglets at noon and Stream Exploration from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday; Smokey Bear Throughout the Day, Woodland Walk at 10:30 a.m. and Creature Feature - Ball Eagle at 2 p.m. on Tuesday; and “A Howlin’ Good Time at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

For more information call toll free at 1-800-LBL-7077 or 1-270-924-2171.

Birth Announcement



Kesslyeigh J. Brittain
Kesslyeigh Jayde Brittain

Dennis and Candice Brittain of Murray are the parents of a daughter, Kesslyeigh Jayde Brittain, born on Monday, June 5, 2006, at 6:42 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Phyllis McClure and John and Nancy Brittain, all of Murray. Great-grandparents are Modena McClure and Edmond and Sue Gamble, all of Murray.

Kipphut named by Elon University in N. Carolina

ELON, N.C. — Allison Joy Kipphut has been named to the dean’s list for the 2006 spring semester at Elon University.

She is a 2004 graduate of Murray High School, Murray, Ky.

Kipphut is the daughter of

George Kipphut of Murray, Ky., and Lorilyn Howie-Kipphut of Louisville, Ky.

The dean’s list is composed of students with non grade below a B-minus and a grade-point average of at least 3.40 in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Twilight Cabaret showing ‘A Barrel Full of Pennies’

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. — An off-Broadway comedy for the family, “A Barrel Full of Pennies,” will be shown at the Ken Bar Lodge through July 22.

The audience is seated at tables and is never more than 40 feet from stage. It is shown nights Wednesday through Saturday.

Dinner by reservation is available on Friday and Saturday. “Your choice of play only is always available,” said Shirley T. Johnson, director.

The lodge is located at 7711 U.S. Hwy. 641 North, near Kentucky Dam Resort Park.

For information and reservations call Johnson at 436-2399.

WATCH Center needs aluminum

WATCH Center at 702 Main St., Murray, needs aluminum cans for an on-going fund-raising project. Peggy Williams, director, said “these may be taken to the center during regular hours; or persons may drive through the driveway on the west side of the center and place them in the cotton wagon there anytime day or night; or may be donated at Make A Difference Day.”

CCHS Class of 1976 plans reunion

The Calloway County High School Class of 1976 will hold an informal 30-year reunion on Saturday, July 22, at 6 p.m. at the Big Apple Cafe in Murray.

A room has been reserved and those attending will be responsible only for their food and drink.

“We encourage classmates

and family members of out-of-town classmates to forward this information to them because no invitations will be sent,” a class member said.

If you plan to attend or would like more information contact CCHSReunion2006@aol.com and please specify the number attending so that adequate space will be reserved.

Cattail workshop will be held at Wickliffe Mounds on July 8

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Cattails, those wonderful weeds of the swamp, will be the subject of a workshop on Saturday, July 8, at Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site in Ballard County.

Cattails grown around wet areas, ponds, swamps and itches along roadsides. Native Americans used cattails to make baskets, mats, toys and cordage. The plant’s roots were cooked and eaten and various parts were used as medicine.

Participants in the workshop will learn how to weave cattail leaves and make a basketry craft to take home. Entertaining instruction will be provided by Grandmother Coyote. Materials will be furnished by the park.

There will be two sessions, one at 10 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. (central time). Classes will last about an hour and the cost will be \$10 each.

Advanced registration is required. Call Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site at 1-270-335-3681 for more information.

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Fireworks to fly over Freedom Fest Sunday

Colors of the rainbow will fill the sky and bring Freedom Fest weekend to a close, Sunday, July 2. Briggs and Stratton will sponsor the Fireworks Extravaganza which will begin at 9 p.m.

This year's fireworks will include a variety of colors and different size bursts. The show will last approximately thirty minutes and the planning of this event has been taking place the last nine months.

Briggs and Stratton have sponsored this event for the last twenty years. This year's Fireworks Extravaganza is sure to bring a large crowd as it has in the previous years, according to Jodi DeWitt,

Employee Relations Coordinator for Briggs and Stratton.

"There is always a huge turnout for the fireworks display. Parking lots up and down 641 on both sides of the road and parking lots off of roads leading from 641 are always packed hours in advance of the show with people claiming their spots to view the display," he said.

This year, The Murray Civic Music Association will be adding live patriotic music to the fireworks display. The MSU Brass Quintet will play from the first explosion to the Grand Finale.

The evening will conclude with the "Star Spangled Ban-

ner" performed by Katie Walker a junior Public Relations and Music major from Paris, TN.

"I'm extremely excited about singing the National Anthem this year. Singing is such a big part of my life and being able to sing the National Anthem and celebrate our freedom with thousands of people in Murray, is something I'm very proud to be able to do," Katie said.

For more information about this event or any other Freedom Fest event call 270.759.2199 or visit www.tourmurray.com.



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WATERCOLOR CLASS: Participants in the Murray Art Guild's Summer Art Series Watercolor Class include front row: Faith Thornton, Mason Spann, Sean Black, Shelby Hall. Middle row: Shalye Culp, Avery Wilmuth, Etta Danielson. Back row: Max Crofton, Mackenzie Ray, Patrick Griffo, instructor Lynn Pesoat, Alex Workman. Students learned both traditional and experimental watercolor techniques and then combined the methods to create their own paintings. Located at 103 N. 6th street, the Guild offers classes throughout the summer for youth and adults.



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LEADERSHIP AWARD: Cadet Ryan Mabry, right, of Mayfield was named as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award at Murray State University's Honor's Day program this spring. The award is presented to a ROTC cadet selected by their peers as displaying the leadership and professionalism of a future leader in the U.S. Army. Mabry was presented with an engraved saber and scabbard during the ceremony. His name will also be inscribed on a departmental plaque that will be housed in the ROTC building on Murray's campus. Pictured with Mabry is Cpt. Brent Hulse, commander of the ROTC program at Murray State University.

Big Bear Resort earns TVA Clean Marina certification

BENTON, Ky. — Big Bear Resort on Kentucky Reservoir is flying a Clean Marina flag in recognition of the marina's efforts to preserve and protect water quality in the Tennessee River system.

Janet Caldemeyer, owner of Big Bear Resort, received the Clean Marina Flag last fall.

"To receive this designation, a marina must meet all federal, state and local regulations related to marina management," said Nick Morris, TVA's Clean Marina coordinator for Kentucky Reservoir. "Big Bear Resort has worked hard to receive this certification, training its staff on clean fueling techniques including spill clean up and minimizing spills by only allowing staff to fuel boats."

Other efforts leading to Clean Marina certification include pro-

tecting shorelines from erosion and providing educational information and learning opportunities for boaters.

TVA's Clean Marina program helps marinas protect water quality by encouraging marina-sponsored boater education and reducing water pollution and erosion.

Big Bear Resort is also hosting a National Clean Boating Campaign event at the marina from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Clean Boating Campaign provides the public with an opportunity to have boats inspected by local coast guard auxiliary officers or TVA police to ensure they comply with current regulations. Fuel collars that reduce splash backs when fueling and bilge socks that absorb pollutants from bilge bays will be provided to participants.

Educational brochures that describe a variety of clean boating practices, t-shirts, hats and drink holders will also be available.

More information on Clean Marina certification and clean boating is available at <http://www.tva.com>

TVA is the nation's largest public power provider and is completely self-financing with revenues of \$7.8 billion in 2005.

TVA provides power to large industries and 158 power distributors that serve approximately 8.6 million consumers in seven southeastern states. TVA also manages the Tennessee River and its tributaries to provide multiple benefits, including flood damage reduction, navigation, water quality and recreation.

First issue up on GOP's new 'values agenda' falters

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans failed Wednesday to advance a bill protecting the words "under God" in the Pledge of Alle-

giance. Only a day earlier, the GOP had placed the measure on its "American Values Agenda" in hopes of bolstering the party's prospects in the

election. But Republicans could not muster a simple majority on the issue in a committee where

they outnumber Democrats by six. The legislation tries to strip federal courts of jurisdiction

over cases challenging the pledge. It responds to a federal appeals court ruling in 2002 that the pledge is unconstitutional because it contains the words "under God." A district court judge made a similar ruling last fall, citing the appeals court precedent.

A simple majority is required to report a bill to the House floor with a favorable committee recommendation. The House Judiciary Committee split 15-15 on the pledge bill Wednesday. Rep. Bob Inglis, R-S.C., joined 14 Democrats to oppose it.

Inglis said he is concerned that if the Republican-dominated Congress passes "court-stripping" legislation, a future Democrat-dominated Congress might pass its own bill denying courts jurisdiction of more issues. In addition, he said, the legislation would allow state

courts to rule on issues related to the Pledge of Allegiance while denying litigants the ability to appeal to a federal court.

Seven of the committee's 23 Republicans did not show up for the vote, while three Democrats were absent. The chairman, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said he would try again for a majority on Thursday.

On Tuesday, Senate Republican leaders failed by a single vote to pass a constitutional amendment to ban the burning of the American flag.

The GOP's "American Values Agenda" also includes a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, which died in the Senate before it even reached a vote; a prohibition on human cloning; and possibly votes on several popular tax cuts.

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Visiting teens picking up trash for money for Need Line

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Visiting teens from Christian non-denominational churches in Illinois, Indiana, Georgia and Tennessee will fan out across Calloway County this afternoon with plastic bags in hand; picking up roadside trash to earn money for Need Line.

Calloway Solid Waste Coordinator Rita Burton said the teens and some adults from Crossroads Community Churches of Freeport, and Galena Ill., Embassy Christian Center of Maryville, Tenn., Full Gospel Church of Freeport, Ill., Grace Fellowship of Augusta, Ga., and New Life Community Church of Nashville, Ind., will take to Murray-Calloway County streets and roadways from 1-4 p.m. as part of a mission outreach.

Each of the expected 100 or more young people will earn \$6 per hour each under the state's Litter Abatement Program with all proceeds to benefit Need Line.

"They wanted to do something for our community and chose picking up litter," Burton said. "Some of the students will be donating time at Need Line also. They'll be cleaning several county roads including Murray and Hazel."

Karen Welch, manager of New Life Christian Bookstore and co-pastor of New Life Christian Church, is serving as a liaison for the group during their visit which began Sunday. Welch said the group wanted to find a way to serve the

local community while on a visit to the area as a get-away for worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

"About 25 of them will also go to Need Line and work," Welch said.

The students are living in one of Murray State University's residential colleges. Welch said group leaders found New Life Ministries on the Internet and called to see if anyone here could help them make a connection with a non-denominational fellowship.

"What they wanted to do was to have a missions day for the community to get a break from what they were doing, but instead of breaking and playing they wanted to go and serve," said Welch, who also serves as a campus minister at MSU.

Welch said she was aware of the state's efforts to clean-up dump sites and contacted Burton where she learned the details of the Litter Abatement Program. She then connected the teens with Need Line.

"They wanted to go into our community, but they don't know anything about our community," Welch said. "I couldn't think of anything that would minister as a whole, or as completely, as Need Line."

Tonia Casey, director of Need Line, said Wednesday morning that the group couldn't have come at a better time and is looking forward to working with them.

"Actually it's like a blessing," Casey said. "There are so many things that need to

be done, but they need to be done by a group. I was thinking, 'How am I going to get this done.' We always have two or three volunteers which is wonderful, but when you have a group you can get these larger jobs done."

Casey said the volunteers would help to reorganize the charity's food pantry and clean up and organize both the inside and outside the charity's new facility on Fourth Street.

With 100 teenagers picking up trash and paid at a rate

of \$6 per hour for three hours, they could potentially earn \$1,800 for Need Line in one afternoon under the Litter Abatement Program, according to Burton.

Burton said she wanted to caution drivers to be mindful of the students and to drive safely.

"They will be providing a real service to Murray and Calloway County and we need to give them as much courtesy as we can," she said.

Students rushing to refinance their loans

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Thousands of college students and parents are clogging phone lines and rushing to Internet sites in a scramble to refinance college loans before a sharp interest rate increase this weekend.

An almost 2 percentage point interest rate increase for federal student loans kicks in Saturday, and advisers say that not refinancing could cost thousands of additional dollars in interest in the decades after a student enters the work force.

At the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, the nation's 12th largest student loan holder, calls are coming in at a clip of up to 15 a second, contributing to a tenfold increase in applications for student loan consolidations, said Raymond Bayer Jr., the agency's interim executive director. Other loan agencies also are experiencing high demand.

For-profit Sallie Mae, the nation's largest student loan holder, is on pace to meet or exceed last year's late crush of student loan consolidations, said Pat Scherschel, the company's vice president for loan consolidation.

"There are very few situations in which it is not advisable for a student who has outstanding loans to consolidate, because they will lock in" relatively low interest rates, said Sandy Baum, an economics professor at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Baum is also a financial aid analyst for the College Board education association that produces the SAT college entrance exam.

The Indiana Secondary Market for Education Loans began emphasizing consolidation loans last year and already has seen an 83 percent increase in applications this year, said Bob Zier, vice president for loan consolidation.

Nonprofit student loan agencies in states including Iowa, Ohio and Texas also have seen sizable increases in their applications as the rate increase approaches, said Alexa Marrero, spokeswoman for the Education Finance Council, an association of nonprofit secondary student loan marketers.

The federal government adjusts interest rates on its student loans each July 1 based on a formula tied to the yield on short-term Treasury bills.

The variable rate on a common Stafford loan dipped to as low as 2.77 percent for students in the 2004-2005 school year and 3.37 percent for graduates already making repayments. Those rates rose last year to 4.7 percent for students and 5.3 percent for graduates.

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Architect unveils details of new Freedom Tower design

NEW YORK (AP) — Glass prisms, landscaped plazas and a lighted spire meant to resemble the Statue of Liberty's torch are all included in the latest design of the skyscraper being built to replace the World Trade Center.

Architect David Childs unveiled the new design details of the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower Wednesday at an American Institute of Architects ceremony inside 7 World Trade Center, the skyscraper he designed that sits across from ground zero.

Construction began this spring on the Freedom Tower, after a redesign more than a year ago to address concerns it wasn't adequately protected from truck bombs. The building was moved several feet back from the street and made smaller, with a footprint the identical size of one of the twin towers.

Some derided the windowless, 20-story concrete base that security officials sought, saying it resembled more of a bunker than an office building. Architects had originally thought that shimmering metal panels would cover the bottom of the building, but recently decided on 13-foot-high panels that combine triangular glass prisms.

The prisms would create a "wonderful, light, sculptural and I think artistic" effect and make the building appear more open,

said Childs.

The glass panels are still being developed.

Security experts have approved of the new panels, which are designed to shatter into tiny particles so they won't cause severe damage if they break, designers said.

Childs said the spire, enclosed in a white, fiberglass sheath that a sculptor is helping to create, would make it more visible from a distance and a landmark similar to the spires on the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building.

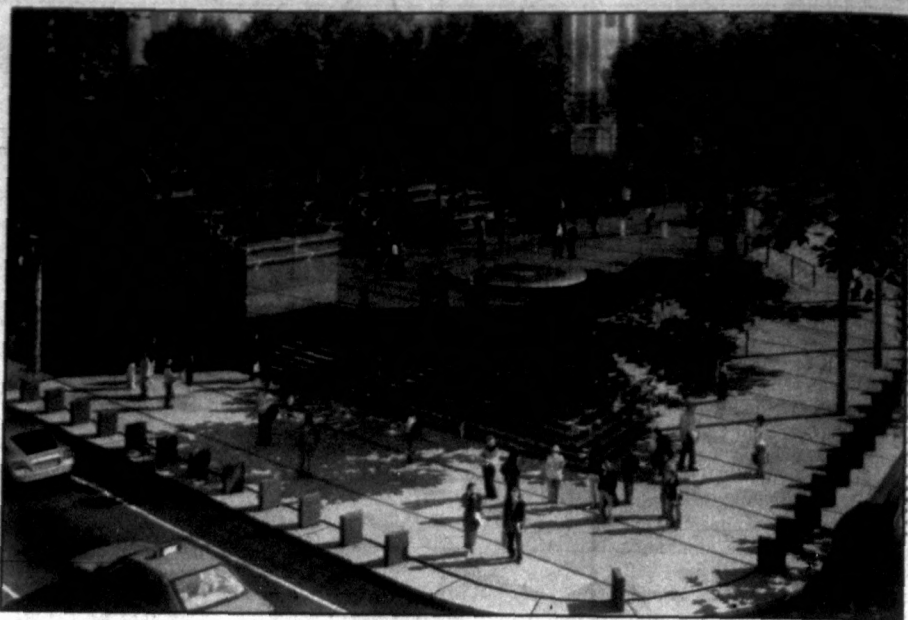
Daniel Libeskind, the original architect of the Freedom Tower, initially designed the spire to be off-center on a twisting building meant to resemble the Statue of Liber-

ty. The spire has been moved to the center of the building and remains there, but the new design calls for a pedestal, housing satellite dishes and antennas, that more closely resembles the statue's torch.

The building is to have a 50-foot-high lobby and 69 floors of office space.

Tree-lined plazas would be on all four sides. One entrance would take an estimated 5 million annual visitors to an observation deck, while another would go straight to restaurant space on the higher floors. Visitors could also enter from an underground concourse that connects to more than a dozen train lines.

The Freedom Tower is scheduled to open in 2011.



This artist's rendering made by dbx inc. and released by the architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill on Wednesday is a detail showing the base of the Freedom Tower in New York. The new, more detailed design drawings show the tower's museum-style steps, sweet gum trees and thousands of glass prisms covering the building's windowless concrete base.



This artist's rendering made by dbx inc. and released by the architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill shows the latest design of the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower in New York. Designed to evoke the Statue of Liberty's torch, the spire that tops the tower will feature a revolving beacon that could change color and cast beams of light into the sky, while thousands of glass prisms will cover the building's 20-story, windowless base.

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Theater, dance department announces 06-07 season

The Department of Theatre and Dance has announced the productions that will be offered to Murray and the surrounding communities for the next academic year.

Titles of upcoming shows include the musical theatre production of "Damn Yankees" and a play by the comic genius Steve Martin.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" will open the season. This intriguing play pits Albert Einstein against the famous artist

Pablo Picasso as Steve Martin takes the audience into the realm of "relativity versus art."

The show runs Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 in the Robert E. Johnson Theatre.

"Damn Yankees" will run Nov. 16-19 in the Johnson Theatre. This wonderful musical written by George Abbott, Douglas Wallop, Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, is produced with the Department of Music at Murray State University.

Songs performed include

"Heart", "Those Were the Good Old Days" and "What Lola Wants" as Joe Body tries to outsmart the Devil to help his team win the pennant.

"Betrayal" by Harold Pinter will be held in the Wilson Hall Studio Theatre Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and Dec. 7-9.

Bob Valentine directs this modern classic about two men and their relationship with one woman. Pinter takes the audience backwards through time to see the relationship devel-

op and end. "Pocahontas" will be presented for the children in our area. This Aurand Harris play tells the classic tale of Captain John Smith and the American settlers who come face to face with the Native Americans.

"Pocahontas" will run Feb. 12-15 in Lovett Auditorium.

"Miss Julie" will be presented in the Wilson Hall Studio Theatre Feb. 22-24 and March 1-3.

August Strindberg's play

about a countess and her stable man is a timeless classic about the social conflicts between the classes.

Extremely controversial in its time, this play will still make the audience choose who is most at fault in their ill-fated relationship.

"Dr. Faustus" will be presented in the Johnson Theatre April 12-15.

Written by Christopher Marlowe (a friend of William Shakespeare), this Renaissance play

puts man against the underworld.

The Spring Dance event will be held in Johnson Theatre May 3-6. Once again, the Department of Theatre and Dance will present the work of the students who make their statements through movement.

For information, season ticket orders and curtain times, please contact the department of theatre and dance at Murray State University by calling 809-4421.

Small town Metropolis garners attention

By JIM SUHR

Associated Press Writer
METROPOLIS, Ill. (AP) —

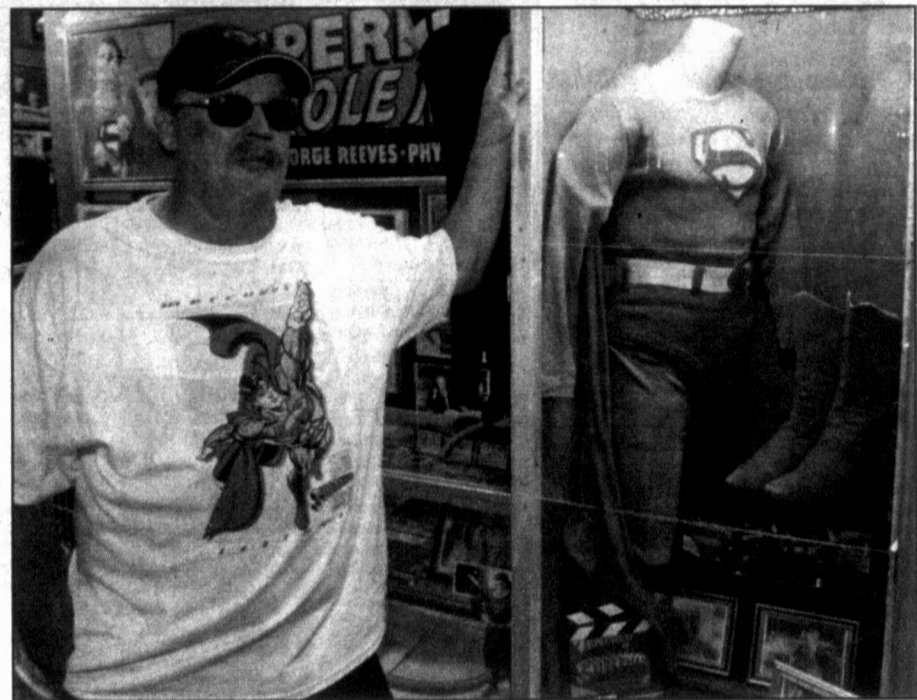
Passing through southern Illinois on their way to Nashville, Diana Brown and her son Colin saw the signs pointing the way to this town's Superman Square and its colorful bronze statue of the Man of Steel.

Thanks to the media buildup ahead of Wednesday's opening in U.S. theaters of "Superman Returns," Clark Kent's alter ego was already on Brown's mind. So last week, mother and son got off the highway and visited this Mayberry-meets-Disney town on the Ohio River, near Paducah, Ky.

"The movie motivated us to stop," says Brown, 59 of St. Charles, Ill. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but it's a cute little town."

Off Interstate 24 midway between St. Louis and Nashville, this 167-year-old tourist trap has no real connection to the fictional crime-fighter, beyond that Superman co-creator Jerry Siegel happened to choose the name "Metropolis" when he first wrote the comic in the 1930s.

But three decades ago Metropolis adopted Superman, and now he's big business here — or as big as business can get in a town of 6,500 people across the river from Kentucky. Nearly 10 times that many



Jim Hambrick, the 51-year-old owner of a storefront shop and Superman Museum in Metropolis, Ill., stands in front a case containing one of the original Superman costumes. Metropolis is the adopted home of Superman and is seeing an increase in tourists as a result of the movie "Superman Returns."

folks turned out earlier this month for Metropolis' yearly four-day Superman Celebration, which dates to 1979 — the year after the first Superman movie starring Christopher

Reeve was released. Attendance this year was up about one-third over last year, in part due to the buzz about "Superman Returns."

"It has certainly been a big

help," says Clyde Wills, editor and publisher of the town's weekly newspaper, the Metropolis Planet. "Every time a new

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Bawn in the Mash

Music Extravaganza will showcase bands from western Kentucky

Saturday, the sounds of dixie and jazz fill the Court Square for the Regions Bank Saturday Music Extravaganza.

Southern Jazz and Bawn in the Mash, both groups from Paducah, will play throughout the day in downtown Murray.

Southern Jazz plays all over western Kentucky. The band's unique sound is a compilation of dixieland, swing and jazz. With horns and rhythm and bass, the group keeps the crowd enthused.

Dr. Ted Borodofsky coordinates the band. He works in Paducah as an ophthalmologist

and plays clarinet as a hobby. His passion for clarinet started as a child growing up in the Mississippi Delta region with jazz clarinetist Pete Fountain as his teacher. Borodofsky's family instilled in him a professional ambition.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 30, 2006:

You are unusually verbal and creative this year, drawing options left and right. You could find this year to be exciting and dynamic. If you ask enough questions before making a decision, then you won't regret what happens, as you are likely to naturally head in the proper direction. Think positively and thoroughly. Your creativity flourishes. If you are single, romance might already be knocking on your door. Certainly love will not elude you this year. If you are attached, you will find your relationship heading on a more dynamic path. VIRGO brings out the chatterbox in you.

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)

***** Extremes define your day. You seem to be an all-or-nothing person at the moment. Do something just for yourself. Fundamentals count. A partner or associate pitches in, helping you see all the possibilities that surround you. Make an extra effort. Tonight: Put your feet up.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Sometimes you cannot put a halt to your innate creativity. You might have a hard time turning in another direction, as you are on a roll. Do you really want to? Others cheer you on. Listen to those around you. Positive vibes flow. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Stay anchored, knowing what you want to happen. Get as much accomplished as you can while you have the energy. Use your creativity to add to the pleasant or humorous quality of your life. Understanding helps you make a difference where it counts. Tonight: Easy does it.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Talk through a problem. Listen to what is happening with someone you care about enormously. A child or romance could be dicing up your life. Just let it happen. You know what to do and where to go. Trust your intuition. Tonight: Happy with friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Expenses demand your attention. Work with your sixth sense when dealing with funds and people. You know when something is enough. Yes, you will have a tendency to go overboard, but still, you might be much more grounded than you realize. Tonight: Easy does it.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** You swing well with changes and the moment. You hear a lot; you say a lot. Sort through good will, facts and flirtation. As a result, you will be able to make positive decisions. You will get the true story. In

fact, you might know it already. Think positively. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Knowing when to use your instincts could determine your success or failure. Knowing when to back off and go with the flow could also be a factor. Use your innate skills, and you will be pleased with what occurs. Tonight: Step back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You have a winning style. Take charge and handle key people as directly as possible. Friends and associates play a big role in what goes down in the near future. Trust your judgment. Tonight: What makes you happy. Honor what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Step up to the plate knowing full well what feels appropriate. Your instincts and knee-jerk reactions play a strong role in your decisions. A partnership needs time and respect; follow through. Tonight: Know that others might be checking you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Taking an overview and detaching will ultimately draw the reactions you desire. You could be taken aback by someone who is overly challenging. You can handle this person. Trust yourself. Tonight: Schedule a movie or some other happening where you don't need to talk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Deal with others directly, and you'll draw positive results. Do nothing halfway and remain positive. Don't hesitate to take the lead. Others will respond even if you think you might be a touch bossy. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Others are only too happy to accommodate your efforts. You might be thrilled by the different perspective you gain if you just roll with what is

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happening. Romance, children and creativity are highlighted. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

BORN TODAY

Boxer Mike Tyson (1966), actor Brian Bloom (1970), singer June Valli (1930)

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Looking Back

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Published is a picture of Edward T. Breathitt, former Kentucky governor, talking with Harry M. Sparks Jr. and wife, Carol, at the Distinguished Lecture Series at Wrather West Kentucky Museum at Murray State University. This event was to pay tribute to the late Dr. Harry M. Sparks, president emeritus, who died May 20, 1996.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Wilson were married 54 years June 27. Births reported include a girl to John Mark and Mitzi Burgess, June 22; a boy to Lee Ann and Doyle Henry, a boy to Tonya and John Claybrook and a boy to Ardenah and Olan Summer, June 23; a girl to Sharon and Roger Garner, June 24.

20 years ago
Ryan Malone and Jonathon Rose, students at Calloway County High School, have been selected to participate in the University of Southern California's Space Community Youth Congress this summer.

Published is a picture of Lowell Palmer, president of Kentucky Lake Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees, presenting Max Hurt a life membership of the organization.

Births reported include a girl to Shonna and Chris Walker, June 25.

30 years ago
Published is a picture of Bill Call of the Murray State University Amateur Radio Club discussing emergency procedures with Jim Taylor of Paris, Tenn., during the annual national field day June 26-27. Nor than 12,000 ham operators throughout the

United States and Canada participated. The MSU Club held its exercise at Colson Overlook in the Land Between the Lakes. Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Parrish, June 19.

Published is page photo feature of scenes from the Arts & Crafts Festival in the Land Between the Lakes. The photos were by Staff Photographer Gene McCutcheon.

40 years ago
Ruth Cole was presented with a pin for her 15 years of work in the Red Cross Home Nursing by James C. Williams, chairman of the board of the Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross, at a chapter meeting. Elizabeth Thomason gave her resignation as executive secretary effective Aug. 13.

Catalino Catalan, a native of the Philippines, was speaker at a luncheon held by Woman's Association of College Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife were dressed in native costumes.

50 years ago
Shirley R. Rust, son of Mrs. Leona Wartman of Murray, and Darrell G. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Johnson of New Concord, have been assigned to Camp Lejeune, N.C., for combat infantry training after completing Marine recruit training at Parris Island, S.C.

New officers of the Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church were Mrs. Ed Frank Kirk, Mrs. John Pasco, Mrs. L.M. Overbey, Mrs. R.H. Robbins and Mrs. Davy Hopkins.

Mom caught in the middle of daughters' growing feud

DEAR ABBY: My youngest daughter, "Liza," is going through a divorce that has turned ugly, with her soon-to-be ex, "Dick," choking and threatening to kill her.

The problem is, my oldest daughter, "Mimi," has remained in contact with Dick. She claims she doesn't want her children "to suffer the loss of an uncle they really love."

Mimi had promised Liza she would no longer speak to Dick, but when Liza went to her former home to pick up some personal items, she saw on the caller ID that Mimi had been calling there several times a week.

Liza is devastated and feels Mimi has betrayed her. When she called Mimi to discuss it, Mimi refused. Liza then announced that she would never speak to Mimi again.

I feel that Mimi did betray Liza, but I had hoped there would be further communication. Mimi is now avoiding me.

There have been other sticky situations in the past when Mimi has deprived family members -- including me -- from seeing her children as a means of punishment.

I am at a loss. I feel supportive of Liza because I know she really needs me and is being subjected to problems of all kinds from all sides. -- HEARTBROKEN MOTHER IN OHIO

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: What a mess. You have my sympathy. However, Liza may have jumped to the wrong conclusion when she spotted Mimi's number on Dick's caller ID. Caller ID registers the number the call was made from and to whom that number is registered. It does not necessarily reveal the identity of the caller. Rather than Mimi calling, it might have been one or more of her children wanting to talk to "an uncle they really love."

One thing is clear. There is trouble between your daughters. Whether it's recent, or the ill feelings go all the way back to their childhood, you'd be better served to let "the girls" work it out between themselves than to allow yourself to be put in the middle. You can't be their referee forever. You're all adults now, and it's time they resolve their own conflicts without dragging you into it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been in love with "Jordan" for three years. I know he loves me, too. My problem is I am not sure where Jordan leaves off and I begin. He is older -- 27 -- and I almost feel like I haven't had a chance to become my own person.

My dilemma is that I'm afraid if I leave him and venture out on my own, I might lose him forever. I don't want to make a mistake. I am also afraid that if I leave him and meet someone, and it doesn't work out -- I'll be left all alone. Please tell me what to do. Everyone I ask has a different opinion. -- CAN'T DECIDE IN GREENVILLE, TEXAS

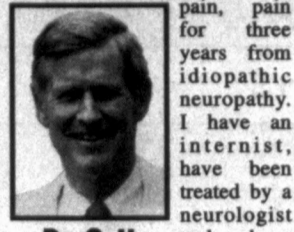
DEAR CAN'T DECIDE: As risky as it may seem now, take a break from Jordan. You didn't mention whether you are still in school. If you are, tell Jordan that you need time to concentrate on your studies and get involved with campus life. It's the truth. If you are not, then consider taking some classes to further your education and help you develop independently.

Before making a lifetime commitment to anyone, it is imperative to have established some independence both emotionally and financially. If your romance is so fragile that a little time apart will destroy it, then it wasn't strong enough to begin with.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Neuropathy treatment not always effective

DEAR DR. GOTT: In your column, you wrote, "Regardless of its cause, your neuropathy can be treated." Please, please, please tell me how. I have suffered intense pain, burning, numbness, pain,



Dr. Gott
By Dr. Peter Gott

What a mess. You have my sympathy. However, Liza may have jumped to the wrong conclusion when she spotted Mimi's number on Dick's caller ID. Caller ID registers the number the call was made from and to whom that number is registered. It does not necessarily reveal the identity of the caller. Rather than Mimi calling, it might have been one or more of her children wanting to talk to "an uncle they really love."

DEAR READER: Please note that I said "treated," not cured. Your treatment has not been effective, however, and you seem to have exhausted most of your possibilities. Unfortunately, you have idiopathic (no known cause) neuropathy (nerve malfunction), so it is virtually impossible to get to the bottom of your pain syndrome. You are reduced to treating your symptom, not its unknown cause.

I recommend a stepped approach. Some readers have written that their neuropathic pain has been controlled,

believe it or not, by rubbing Vicks VapoRub over the affected area. Because this off-the-wall remedy is safe and inexpensive, I suggest that you try it first. If this isn't effective, try Lyrica, a new prescription product that has just been released for the treatment of neuropathic pain. If this is ineffective, progress to professional pain management, which would include the judicious use of narcotics.

At this point, I would like to assure you that you do not have to live out the rest of your life in agony. What you need now is a concerned and supportive medical team that will identify and answer your needs.

If, to live in relative comfort, you need high doses of pain-relieving medication, so be it. You are entitled to pain relief. (If, on the other hand, you were a drug addict seeking a fix, your therapy would be entirely different.)

I believe that your internist is your best first-line resource. If he or she feels comfortable prescribing narcotics or Lyrica for you, fine. Your doctor is the best judge of your health needs. If he or she feels uncomfortable, you should get a referral to a pain clinic.

You do not have to give up hope for relief, but resolution may take some uncomfortable twists and turns. Be ready to adapt and, by all means, be honest in your dealings with medical personnel.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain."

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, June 29, the 180th day of 2006. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

On this date:
In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to Amer-

ica. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1946, British authorities arrested more than 2,700 Jews in Palestine in an attempt to stamp out alleged terrorism.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

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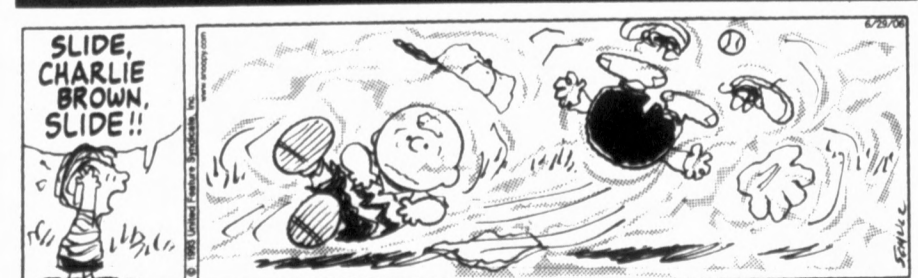
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'The View' wasn't so good for Star Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — Star Jones Reynolds was booted from "The View" Wednesday, one day after surprising ABC and Barbara Walters by saying on the air that she wouldn't be

returning to the daytime talk show in the fall. Reynolds was quickly erased from the show's opening credits, now down to three women from the usual five. "It is becoming uncomfortable for us to pretend that everything is the same at this table," said show creator Walters. "Therefore, regrettably, Star will no longer be on this

program." ABC had decided against renewing Reynolds' contract months ago and the show was planning to let Reynolds announce it later this week, according to Walters. Reynolds could say whatever she wanted to about why she was leaving, "and we would back her up," the longtime ABC news-woman said.

Metropolis ...

From B Front

movie has come out or there was a new TV series or anything drastic happened in the comic books, it piqued an interest in our town."

The Illinois Legislature declared Metropolis to be Superman's home in the early 1970s. The local newspaper was The Metropolis News until 1972, when it changed its name to echo the fictional Daily Planet where Clark Kent and Lois Lane worked.

Superman's image appears on the water tower and billboards, leading tourists into downtown and Jim Hambrick, proud proprietor of a storefront souvenir shop and Super Museum billed as "the Largest Superman Collection on the Planet," with the 75,000 items on display.

The museum has props and wardrobe items from Superman television episodes and movies, plus displays that include Clark Kent's office as seen on TV in the 1950s. A mural on one side shows all the actors who have portrayed Superman.

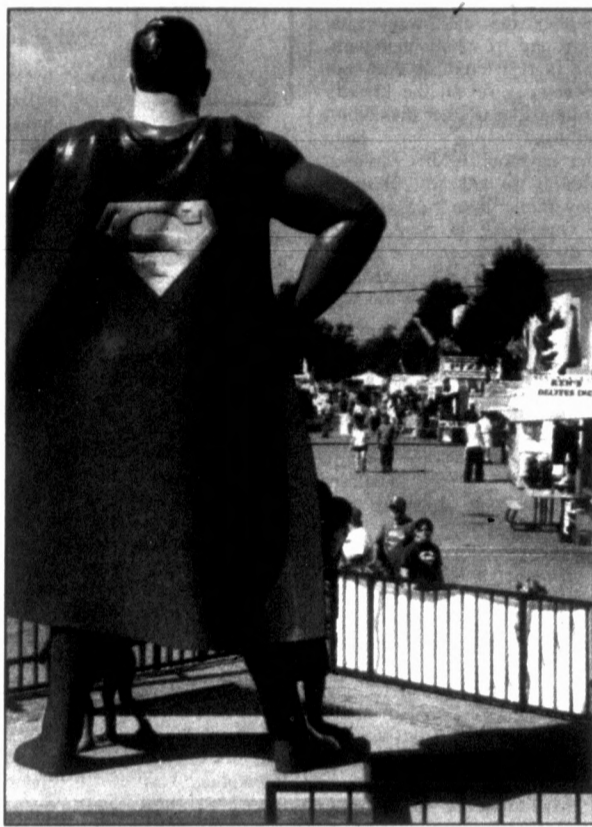
Inside the store, the Superman theme blares across a wide collection of comic books and the typical tourist fare of T-shirts, shotglasses and action figures.

Even before the arrival of "Superman Returns," the store was stocked with promotional items ranging from a stencil book with stickers to a water gun dubbed the "Superman Returns Shield Blaster," asking price \$19.95.

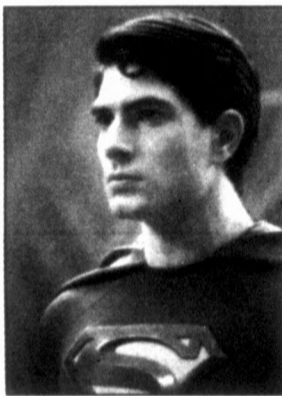
Hambrick's Web site supermansuperstore.com has built up its inventory to more than 1,500 different items, twice what it was at this year's start. The stuff runs the gamut, from Superman Band Aids to wigs and steering wheel covers.

Hambrick hopes the stuff flies off the shelves, though he suspects sales of the "Superman Returns" items — and any effect the movie might have on local tourism — could rest with how the flick and its star, unknown actor Brandon Routh, are received.

We're kind of speculating, like a stockbroker," said Hambrick, who wore a baseball cap sporting the superhero's trademark "S." Our concern is that if it's a bad movie, we're guilty by association, and folks won't



A 15-foot bronze statue of the comic-book hero Superman overlooks Superman Square in Metropolis, Ill., during the 28th annual Superman Celebration.



Brandon Routh portrays the Man of Steel in the new 'Superman Returns' movie.

The film didn't matter to Nancy Smith and her 26-year-old daughter, Heather. While the Atlanta women were St. Louis-bound recently, Metropolis' allure was just too great to resist.

"It looks like every quaint small town," Nancy Smith, a first-grade teacher, said as her daughter emerged from Hambrick's shop with keepsakes — a little Superman piggy bank and a tiny telephone booth. "It's so cool," Nancy Smith said of the town. Then she smiled and added, "Cheesy, but cool."

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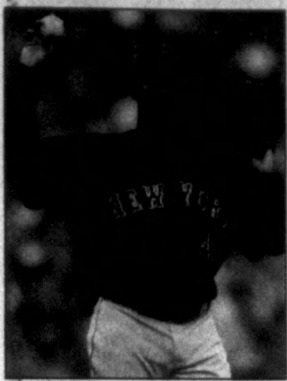
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Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez asks for a new ball after covering at third base on a hit in the first inning of Wednesday's interleague game against his former team, the Boston Red Sox.

Pedro battered by Sox

By The Associated Press

Pedro Martinez got a warm welcome from the Fenway Park fans — and a rude awakening from his former Boston teammates.

The former Red Sox ace was greeted by the adoring crowd with chants of "Pedro! Pedro!" as he warmed up before the bottom of the first inning. He promptly gave up four runs in that inning, four more in the third and spent the rest of the game on the sidelines as baseball's hottest team went on to a 10-2 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

But after his worst performance in two seasons with the Mets, the right-hander who won two Cy Young Awards with the Red Sox and the hearts of their fans still flashed the charming smile they had seen so often during his seven seasons in Boston.

"It's not disappointing at all," Martinez said. "The reception I got, I will always remember that as one of the best moments of my life."

When Jason Varitek came to bat against his former batterymate, it was a strange moment.

"It was very weird," the catcher said, but "he got the respect and ovation from the fans that he so well deserved."

In other interleague games, it was: Chicago White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 3; New York Yankees 4, Atlanta 3, 12 innings; St. Louis 5, Cleveland 4; Detroit 5, Houston 0; Minnesota 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; San Diego 8, Oakland 1; Baltimore 7, Philadelphia 4, Game 1; Baltimore 12, Philadelphia 5, Game 2; Tampa Bay 3, Florida 1; Toronto 6, Washington 1; Cincinnati 7, Kansas City 2; Seattle 10, Arizona 3; Colorado 6, Los Angeles Angels 2; and San Francisco 5, Texas 1.

In the lone NL game, Chicago beat Milwaukee 6-3.

With the victory, Boston extended its winning streak to 11 games — all against NL teams and its longest in 11 years.

Martinez (7-4) allowed eight runs, six earned, and acknowledged he was caught up in the emotion of the moment. His ERA rose from 3.01 to 3.45.

"Obviously, he didn't have his good stuff," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "Coming back here was a lot for him and I guess he didn't have the focus that he normally has."

Boston's newest pitching star, Josh Beckett, allowed two runs and five hits with seven strikeouts and one walk in 7 2-3 innings, five days after retiring his first 16 batters in a 10-2 win over Philadelphia.

As he left the mound, he got a loud ovation and tipped his cap. "They went more nuts for Pedro than for me," he said.

White Sox 4, Pirates 3
Pittsburgh set a team record with their 13th consecutive defeat, blowing a three-run lead in the seventh.

Juan Uribe's bases-loaded triple keyed visiting Chicago's four-run comeback. The Pirates put two runners on in the ninth against closer Bobby Jenks, but Jason Bay struck out to end it.

The Pirates broke the modern-era club record of 12 straight losses set in 1939.

2006 NBA DRAFT Trades spice up dull draft

NEW YORK (AP) — After what he experienced on draft night, trade deadline day will be no sweat for Randy Foye.

Foye was one of four players among the top seven picks who quickly learned one of the NBA's lessons on Wednesday night: Don't get too comfortable in one place.

And he learned it twice. The Toronto Raptors made Andrea Bargnani the first No. 1 pick from Europe to kick off a draft that began with a lack of buzz. But on a night when 15 trades were made — with Portland involved in six of them — it certainly didn't turn out boring.

"Apparently not a lot of people liked what they got at the top," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said.

How unpredictable was it? Even the guys who didn't get traded weren't convinced they were staying.

After watching what went on around him, no wonder Rudy Gay wasn't getting ahead of himself. Picked eighth by the Rockets but hearing his name rumored in a possible deal with Memphis, he wasn't ready to start house hunting in Houston just yet.

"I'm not saying we, because I'm not sure I'm going to play there yet," Gay said.

The wheeling and dealing started early, when LaMarcus Aldridge of Texas went second to the Chicago Bulls, starting a flurry of trades that would include the fourth, sixth and



Randy Foye, a guard from Villanova, speaks to the press after he was chosen by the Boston Celtics as the seventh overall pick of the 2006 NBA Draft, held Wednesday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Foye was immediately traded to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

seventh picks. Aldridge's rights were later dealt to Portland for the rights to Tyrus Thomas, who was chosen fourth, and forward Viktor Khryapa.

"Right before they said my name, they said, 'They are going to call your name in a minute, but don't worry about it, they are going to trade you,'" Aldridge said.

The Trail Blazers weren't done. They acquired the rights to Foye, taken seventh out of Villanova by the Boston Celtics, along with Raef LaFrentz, Dan Dickau and cash for Sebastian Telfair, Theo Ratliff and a 2008 second-

round pick. The Blazers then shipped Foye's rights to Minnesota for Brandon Roy, the Washington guard taken sixth by the Timberwolves.

"When I see the guys go 1, 2, 3, it was just nerve-racking," Foye said. "But then like two picks before, my agent and Brandon's agent were making eye contact and I didn't know what was going on at the time. And once I saw my agent's face light up, he was like, 'Yeah, Boston is going to take you.'"

"And then, 'Portland is going to take you.' And then when they said Minnesota, I

First round picks in the 2006 NBA draft

The Toronto Raptors chose Italian forward Andrea Bargnani with the top pick in the NBA draft.

- 1 Toronto Raptors Andrea Bargnani • F • Italy
- 2 Chicago Bulls (from N.Y., to Por.) LaMarcus Aldridge • F • Texas
- 3 Charlotte Bobcats Adam Morrison • F • Gonzaga
- 4 Portland Trail Blazers (to Chi.) Tyrus Thomas • F • LSU
- 5 Atlanta Hawks Sheldon Williams • F • Duke
- 6 Minnesota Timberwolves (to Por.) Brandon Roy • G • Washington
- 7 Boston Celtics (to Min. via Por.) Randy Foye • G • Villanova
- 8 Houston Rockets Rudy Gay • F • UConn
- 9 Golden State Warriors Patrick O'Bryant • C • Bradley
- 10 Seattle Sonics Saer Sene • F • Senegal
- 11 Orlando Magic J.J. Redick • G • Duke
- 12 New Orleans Hornets Hilton Armstrong • C • UConn
- 13 Philadelphia 76ers (to Chicago) Thabo Sefolosha • G • Switz.
- 14 Utah Jazz Ronnie Brewer • G • Arkansas
- 15 New Orleans Hornets (from Mil.) Cedric Simmons • F • N.C. State
- 16 Chicago Bulls (to Philadelphia) Rodney Carney • F • Memphis
- 17 Indiana Pacers Shaune Williams • F • Memphis
- 18 Washington Wizards Olesky Pechevov • C • Ukraine
- 19 Sacramento Kings Quincy Douby • G • Rutgers
- 20 New York Knicks (from Denver) Renaldo Balkman • F • S.C.
- 21 Phoenix Suns (from Lakers) Rajon Rondo • G • Kentucky
- 22 New Jersey Nets (from Clippers) Marcus Williams • G • UConn
- 23 New Jersey Nets Josh Boone • F • UConn
- 24 Memphis Grizzlies Kyle Lowry • G • Villanova
- 25 Cleveland Cavaliers Shannon Brown • G • Mich. St.
- 26 L.A. Lakers (from Miami) Jordan Farmer • G • UCLA
- 27 Phoenix Suns Sergio Rodriguez • G • Spain
- 28 Dallas Mavericks Maurice Ager • G • Mich. St.
- 29 New York Knicks (from S.A.) Mardy Collins • G • Temple
- 30 Portland Trail Blazers (from Det.) Joel Freeland • F • U.K.

SOURCE: NBA
was like, 'OK, good. Bring it on.'"

The instability was likely the product of a draft that lacked star power. High school players are no longer eligible, meaning Greg Oden, who surely would have been the No. 1 pick, is headed to Ohio State instead of the NBA.

The Raptors didn't think they needed a deal, confident that Bargnani, a 20-year-old

forward from Italy, can live up to comparisons to Dirk Nowitzki.

"Everyone has strengths, weaknesses, etc.," Colangelo said. "But, at the end of the day, it came down that we felt that Andrea Bargnani was really the best pick for the future of this organization going forward. It's not about today. It's about today and tomorrow, and

See NBA DRAFT, 2C

Rondo switches colors to green

FORMER WILDCAT SELECTED BY PHOENIX BUT TRADED TO CELTICS

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky guard Rajon Rondo was selected by the Phoenix Suns as the 21st pick of the NBA draft Wednesday night.

Rondo was later traded to the Boston Celtics, who also traded for former Louisville signee Sebastian Telfair.

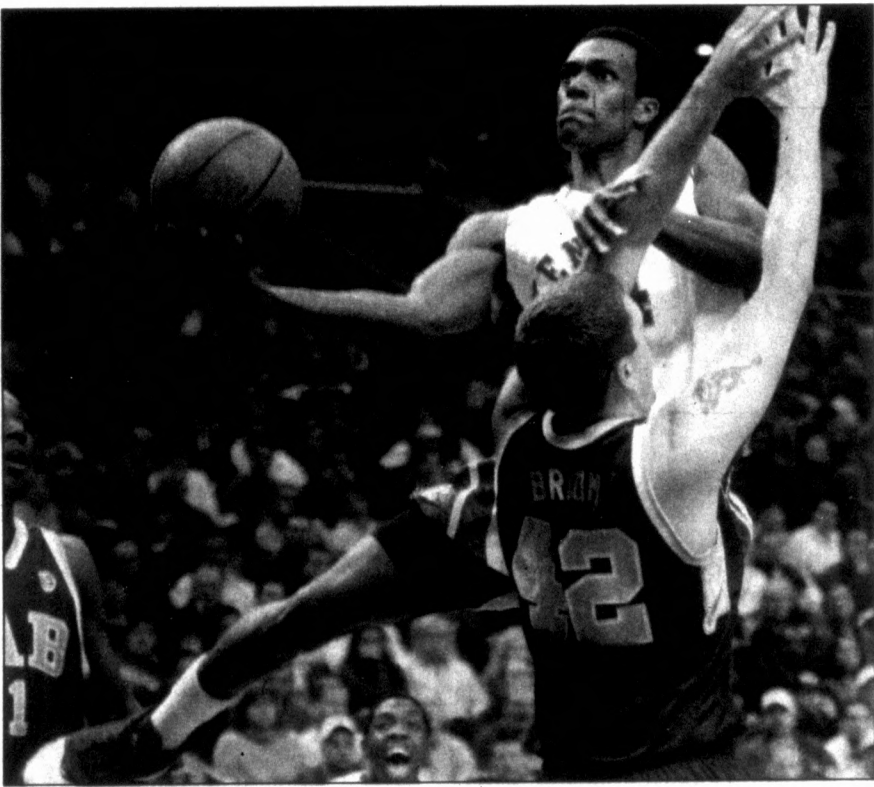
Rondo, of Louisville, was named to the All-Southeastern Conference second team as a sophomore last season. He started 62 of his 68 games as a Wildcat, averaging 9.6 points, 4.5 rebounds and four assists.

Rondo led the conference in

assists last season at 4.9 per game. He also ranked second with 2.1 steals and averaged a team-high 6.1 rebounds. Rondo scored in double figures 17 times last season while averaging 11.2 per contest as Kentucky made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The 6-foot-1 Rondo started all 34 games he played as a freshman, averaging eight points, 3.5 assists and nearly three rebounds. He set a Wildcats single-season record with 87 steals in 2005.

Former Kentucky guard Rajon Rondo was selected by the Phoenix Suns with the No. 21 pick in the first round, but he was later traded to the Boston Celtics.



ST. LOUIS 5, CLEVELAND 4 Late rally ends Cardinals' skid at eight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Any win is exciting for the St. Louis Cardinals right now, no matter how it falls into their lap.

Johnny Peralta's throwing error, one of two by the Cleveland Indians in the ninth inning, allowed the winning run to score in the Cardinals' 5-4 victory Wednesday night that ended an eight-game losing streak. The skid was the franchise's longest since 1988.

"After all those games, you just want to find a way to win one," said David Eckstein, whose routine grounder ended up producing the big run. "The bottom line is ending up winning."

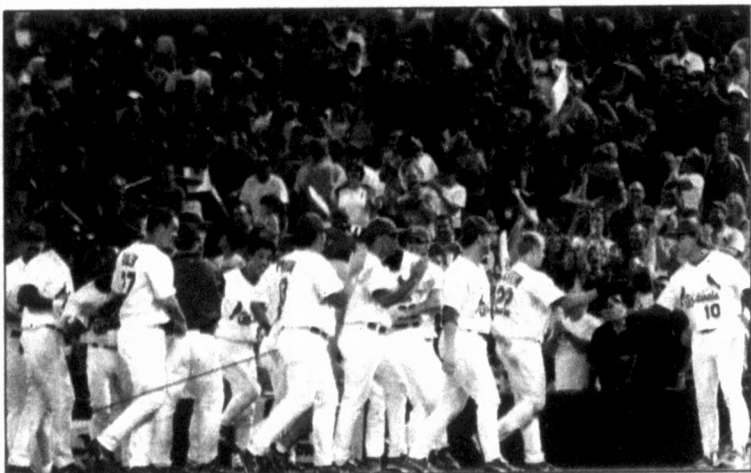
Backup catcher Kelly Shoppach, who entered as part of a double switch in the eighth, dropped So Taguchi's pop fly just in front of home plate to start the inning for a two-base error. Aaron Miles' RBI double off Bob Wickman (1-3) with one out tied the score. Miles was on third for Eckstein's routine, two-out grounder to shortstop, and Peralta's throw in the dirt eluded first baseman Victor Martinez.

Peralta admitted hurrying his throw to Martinez, who moved from catcher to first in the eighth.

"I know he's running as fast as he can," Peralta said. "I tried to throw it as fast as I could. It had a bad hop."

Shoppach blamed himself for getting the rally going.

"It was my ball," he said. "I've made that play before. I wanted that ball in that



St. Louis manager Tony La Russa, right, congratulates David Eckstein (22) after the Cardinals scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Cleveland Indians 5-4 Wednesday night at Busch Stadium. The win helped the Cards snap an eight-game losing streak.

situation."

When the winning run scored, fans tossed hundreds of seat cushions, the giveaway for the game, onto the field.

Jason Istringhausen (2-3) gave up Aaron Boone's go-ahead sacrifice fly in the Indians' three-run eighth.

Istringhausen, who allowed two hits and no runs in 1 2-3 innings, was one of four

relievers used by the Cardinals in the eighth.

Grady Sizemore had four hits and an RBI for the Indians, who ended a string of seven straight series losses by winning the first two games. Not that it was any consolation to manager Eric Wedge.

"It was a total defensive collapse," Wedge said. "We gave it back to them a lot easier than we took it from them. It was an embarrassing ending to what potentially could have been a real big game for us."

Chris Carpenter left with a 3-1 lead after working seven strong innings, getting his last out after medical attention for a cramp in his hand, and Scott Rolen homered for the Cardinals. Juan Encarnacion and Yadier Molina had an RBI apiece for St. Louis, which was outscored 68-28 during the losing streak, most of the games blowouts.

Todd Hollandsworth's shallow pop fly with the bases loaded that fell between left fielder Taguchi, inserted as a defensive substitute in that inning, and shortstop Eckstein, was the key to the Indians' eighth. Eckstein appeared to peel away and Taguchi had his glove out but missed the ball, then recovered too late for any play on a ball ruled a hit.

Eckstein said Taguchi called for the ball.

"I probably could have caught it, but So called it," Eckstein said. "It's one of those things that nothing just seemed to go our way."

Sizemore singled off Randy Flores to start the eighth and Ronnie Belliard followed with a double off Braden Loper when Encarnacion missed a diving attempt in right. Martinez's infield hit, a chopper that Tyler Johnson could not glove cleanly, cut the deficit to one.



SENDING SHOCKWAVES: The Shockwave, an area U12 fast-pitch softball team, recently completed a clean sweep of the competition at the Delta Border Wars tournament, claiming the championship of the Martin, Tenn., event, which was held last weekend. The squad defeated the West Tennessee Extreme 4-1 in the title contest for a perfect 4-0 record in the tournament. Members of the Shockwave, comprised of girls from Calloway, Graves and McCracken counties, include (front row, from left) Taylor Futrell, Brittany Seay, Sarah Carter, Kaitlyn Kinne, Whitney Aspery, (back row) Samantha Mullins, Allison Rogers, Sarah Short, Amanda Wade and Savannah Tucker. Also pictured are coaches Sabrina Tucker, Tony Kinne and Joey Tucker. Not pictured are Alyssa Cunningham and Alana Miller.

WIMBLEDON

Sharapova cruises into third round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Another day, another easy win for Maria Sharapova. The 2004 champion overpowered Ashley Harkleroad 6-2, 6-3 in 67 minutes Thursday to reach the third round at Wimbledon. The match was slightly tougher than her 51-minute 6-2, 6-0 win the previous day over Anna Smashnova.

Sharapova, her shriek-like grunts carrying beyond the Court 2 stands, took control by winning 14 of 16 points at one stretch in the first set. She finished with 27 winners and 12 unforced errors. Harkleroad, mostly on the defensive, had four winners and seven errors. Sharapova saved a break point — the only one she faced — and needed five match points before she closed out the contest when Harkleroad sent a backhand wide.

Defending champion and three-time winner Venus Williams was up later against Lisa Raymond. Sharapova is ranked fifth in the world with 3.91 kills per game, ranked second on the team with 0.22 aces per game and was third on the team with 3.42 digs per game. "Kimberly is very deserving of this award," said Matt Kelly, MSU assistant athletics director for academics. "She has been a hard-working student and a good citizen throughout her college career. It is also very fitting for her to earn this, because in six months, she'll start a career in nursing, so the NCAA is helping her to help others."

UofL grants Millard release from scholarship

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville sophomore forward Chad Millard has been granted a release from the school's basketball team so he can transfer. Millard averaged 2.3 points and 1.4 rebounds during his freshman year with the Cardinals. He appeared in 32 games last season while playing through a handful of injuries, including a broken upper jaw. "He's had a lot of bad luck with the injuries and we hope that's behind him," said coach Rick Pitino in a statement. "I hope he's successful wherever he chooses to go to school."

Millard had originally asked for his release last week, but waited to make a final decision after consulting with Pitino. Millard has not announced where he will transfer. Junior forward Perrin Johnson, who had planned to transfer from Louisville to Bellarmine University, will remain with the Cardinals. Johnson averaged 1.5 points and 1.2 rebounds last season. Johnson, who walked on to the team in 2003, will receive Louisville's last remaining scholarship for senior season.

Former Lady Racer receives award

By MSU Sports Information
Former Murray State volleyball player Kimberly Bunnage has been selected to receive an NCAA Degree-Completion Award to help her complete her degree at MSU.

Bunnage, who was a Racer during the 2003 and 2004 seasons, came to Murray State after completing her associate's degree at Lake Land Junior College.

When she arrived at MSU, Bunnage decided to pursue a degree in nursing, a program that takes five years to complete, with Bunnage having to start from square one after using two years of athletic eligibility at Lake Land.

Bunnage sports a 3.2 grade-point average on a 4.0-scale at MSU.

Bunnage played two seasons at Murray State, ranking second on the team with 3.14 digs per game and third on the team with 3.07 kills per game in 2003. That season, she ranked seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference with a .280 attack percentage in league matches and bolstered the Racers to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Championship Tournament.

In 2004, she led the team and ranked fifth in the OVC with 3.91 kills per game, ranked second on the team with 0.22 aces per game and was third on the team with 3.42 digs per game.

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Washington (Patterson 1-1) at Toronto (Halladay 9-2), 6:07 p.m.					Texas (Koronka 6-4) at San Francisco (Schmidt 6-3), 2:35 p.m.				
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					Seattle (Meche 7-4) at Arizona (En Gonzalez 2-1), 8:40 p.m.				

SportsBriefs

- The Cincinnati Reds will hold a tryout camp on Monday, July 10 at Murray State's Reagan Field. The camp is open to all players age 16 to 22. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the tryout will follow at 10. All Legion players must have written permission from their post commander or coach to participate. All players under 21 must have a written release from a parent or legal guardian accepting "full legal liability" in order to participate. The camp will be conducted by Rick Sellers and Jim Grief. For more information, call (270) 744-8920.
- MCFC United U13B will host a tryout camp for all boys interested in playing U13 competitive/select soccer on July 5-7 at the Bee Creek Soccer Complex. The camp will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. each day. Eligible players must have their birthdays between Aug. 1, 1993 and July 31, 1995. The camp will be conducted by the Heidi Mueller Futskliz staff. The cost of the camp is \$60. All participants must bring a size 5 ball, shin guards and water. For more information, contact Mike Bokeno at 227-5229.
- Tryouts for the Calloway County High School volleyball team will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on July 10-11 at the CCHS gymnasium.
- Murray-Calloway County Hospital and the Center for Health & Wellness, in conjunction with volunteer physicians and nurses, will be hosting free sports physicals during the month of July. The free physicals will be held in Outpatient Services at MCCH on July 15, 22, and 29 from 8 a.m. to noon. The physicals are offered to all middle school or high school athletes in both the Murray and Calloway County school systems. Anyone who plays a sport at either school system must receive a physical either at the free clinic or from a physician. No pre-registration is required for the free physicals. A form from an athletics director is required. Call Allison Lancaster, health promotions coordinator at MCCH, at 762-1832 for more information.

NBA Draft

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Bogut of Australia from the University of Utah last year. Bargnani is the first No. 1 pick to not play college or high school basketball in the United States since Houston took Yao Ming in this league. "I hope to help the team as soon as possible," Bargnani said. "I'm a young player. I know that I will find a lot of tough moments because it's a new league and I'm used to playing in Europe." Gonzaga star Adam Morrison hoped to go first, but couldn't complain after Charlotte took him third.

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9 p.m.
SPEED — IROC Series, at Daytona Beach, Fla.
12:30 p.m.
GOLF
TGC — Nationwide Tour, Lake Erie Charity Classic, first round, at Findley Lake, N.Y.
1 p.m.
ESPN — USGA U.S. Women's Open Championship, first round, at Newport, R.I.
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USA — PGA Tour, Buick Championship, first round, at Cromwell, Conn.
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Robert Heater checks his neighbors mailbox from a canoe on his flooded street in Easton Pa., today.

Pa. levees hold back river waters

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Levees around this vulnerable city held against the swollen Susquehanna River today, ending an evacuation order for 200,000, but other towns anxiously watched as rivers approached record crests that threatened to extend the misery from the East's worst flooding in decades.

Emergency officials kept a close eye on the Susquehanna early Thursday, but said conditions were improving and that a recently improved levee system was holding back floodwaters. The river crested at just over 34 feet — below expectations and well shy of the top of the 41-foot floodwall.

The rain-swollen river began a slow retreat at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Officials estimated that at least 50,000 had followed the evacuation order. Most of them were told they could return to their homes as of noon.

Pennsylvania officials were still concerned about rising water on the Delaware River, and more rain was expected Thursday for New York state, where thousands have already fled from rising rivers, swelled by a record-breaking deluge that has killed at least 13 people in the Northeast.

"I think we dodged a bullet on the Susquehanna. ... The Delaware is still the

biggest problem," Pennsylvania Gov. Ed. Rendell said Thursday morning on CBS' "The Early Show."

The rains, which began over the weekend, have been blamed for five deaths in Pennsylvania, four deaths in Maryland, one in Virginia and three in New York.

Besides Pennsylvania's evacuees, thousands of others were ordered to leave their homes in New Jersey, Maryland and New York as rivers and streams surged over their banks, washed out roads and bridges and cut off villages in some of the worst flooding in the region in decades. In the Binghamton, N.Y., area, an entire house floated down the Susquehanna River.

In New Jersey, Gov. Jon S. Corzine declared a statewide emergency as floodwaters rose in town after town along the upper Delaware River early Thursday morning. A near-record crest was expected to sweep down the river from north to south Thursday.

New Jersey State police Superintendent Rick Fuentes warned evacuated residents not to return home.

"The sun is shining but the waters are still high. The Delaware is raging," Fuentes said at a Thursday morning news conference. "It will get better, but it will not get better today."

Among those ordered out of their homes were Trenton residents Althea Alford and her 75-year-old mother, who were making their third visit to a disaster shelter in less than two years. Flooding in September 2004 and April 2005 destroyed their oil furnace and other basement appliances.

"We're just praying," Alford said. "It's more depressing now because it's the third time."

National Weather Service meteorologist Anthony Gigi said the Delaware River was cresting Thursday morning in Phillipsburg at a bit over 36 feet — more than 14 feet over flood stage. Debris-choked water thundered against a bridge in downtown Phillipsburg and, across the river in Pennsylvania, Easton's downtown was under water.

The Lambertville sewage and dechlorination plants were both under water Thursday morning, possibly contaminating the Delaware River as well as the community's water supply, said Neal Buccino, spokesman for the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

The crest was expected later in the day in Trenton at around 25.5 feet. That would make it the fourth-worst recorded flood in the city.

Stolen laptop containing personal data on millions of veterans found

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has recovered the stolen laptop computer containing sensitive data for up to 26.5 million veterans and military personnel, Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson announced Thursday.

Nicholson also said there have been no reports of identity theft since the May 3 burglary at the Maryland home of an agency employee.

"There is reason to be optimistic," he told reporters just before the start of another in a series of hearings Congress has had on one of the worst breaches of information security. "It's a very positive note in this very tragic incident," Nicholson said.

Supreme Court allows freedom in redistricting

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fractured Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that states are free to redraw congressional districts whenever they want, largely blessing Tom DeLay's bitterly contested handiwork in Texas and the gains it gave national Republicans.

With Justice Anthony M. Kennedy playing the role of majority maker, the court ruled the 2003 Texas plan violated the rights of Hispanics in the area around Laredo and ordered a lower court to review that part of the case.

But the justices imposed no timetable, and it was not clear whether Democrats would be able to win any changes in the Republican-drafted plan before the November elections.

Additionally, the justices rejected a claim that Texas Republicans had violated the rights of black voters by breaking up a congressional district in the area around Fort Worth.

And they ruled more broadly that the Constitution does not bar states from redrawing political lines when one party or the other senses an advantage.

"With respect to a mid-decade redistricting to change districts drawn earlier in conformance with a decennial census, the Constitution and Congress state no explicit prohibition," Kennedy wrote.

Mid-decade redistricting for political purposes was not uncommon in the 1800s but has been rare over the last century, said Michael McDon-

ald, an assistant professor in government and politics at George Mason University.

The Texas case prompted six of the court's nine justices to issue opinions. Kennedy's was the pivotal one, though.

Only two justices, John Paul Stevens and Stephen Breyer, said the mid-decade redistricting showed that the Texas lawmakers were guilty of excessive partisanship.

"By taking an action for the sole purpose of advantaging Republicans and disadvantaging Democrats, the state of Texas violated its constitutional obligation to govern impartially," Stevens wrote in dissent.

The rulings on the challenges to the rights of Hispanics and blacks were narrower, 5-4, Kennedy in the majority on each.

Angela Hale, a spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general, said, "The timeline and the procedure for redrawing the only district requiring further action will be addressed by the three-judge federal district court at a hearing in the near future."

Hector Flores, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said the organization was prepared to go to court next week to press its claim that the Texas redistricting violated the voting rights of Hispanics.

If the ruling's impact on the 2006 elections was unclear, so, too, the longer-term consequences.

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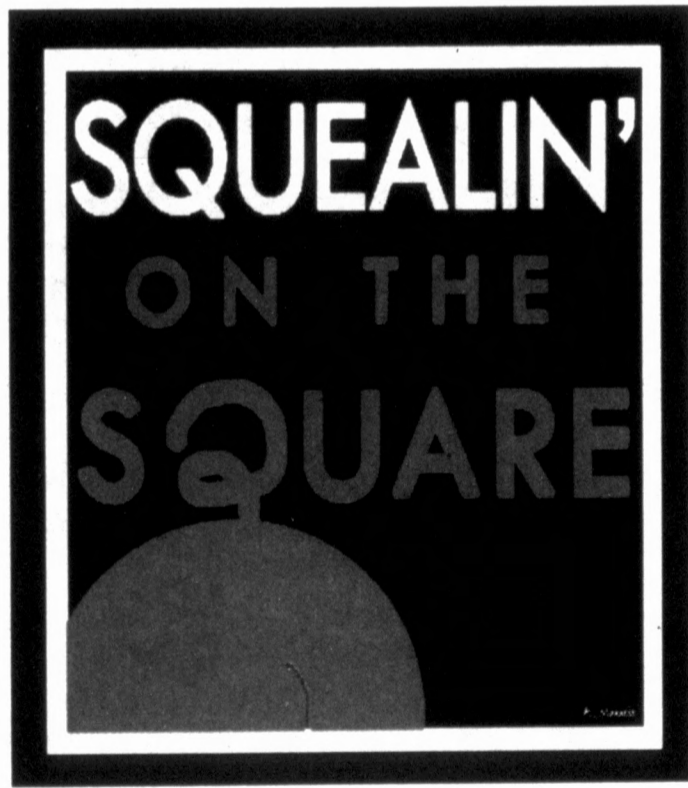
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NASA dealing with same ol' problems before Saturday

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A grounded space shuttle. Countless months trying to fix foam insulation problems on the fuel tank. A faulty fuel tank sensor that delayed a launch in May.

If this list looks familiar, it should.

With a possible liftoff of Discovery just seven days away, NASA is dealing with many of the same problems it faced almost a year ago in what could be called the space agency's version of the movie "Groundhog Day."

The shuttle program manager, Wayne Hale, acknowledges that. But he contends progress is being made. "In terms of the foam, we are so much smarter this year than we were last year," he says.

Smarter, but still unable to stop it from flying off the shuttle's external tank. It's the same worrisome problem the space agency has wrestled with since falling foam damaged Columbia in 2003 and caused the deaths of seven astronauts.

Despite a redesign of the tank, foam continued to drop off last year during the launch of Discovery. That foam loss caused NASA to ground the shuttle fleet for almost a year, another delay after the 1 1/2-year hiatus following the Columbia disaster. NASA has spent at least \$1.2 billion on changes to the shuttle since 2003.

For the upcoming launch, set for July 1, engineers have modified the tank even further by removing about 35 pounds of foam in areas where a foam chunk dropped off last year. NASA describes the removal of the foam as the greatest aerodynamic change ever made to the shuttle's launch system.

Foam will come off. There's no way around that. It is an expected event," said John Chapman, NASA's external tank project manager. "Our objective is to make sure if it does come off, it comes off in small enough pieces that it doesn't cause any harm."

Some at NASA think there should be even further design changes with more foam removal before a shuttle flies again.

At a meeting two weeks before the expected launch, leaders with NASA's Office of the Chief Engineer and Office of Safety and Mission Assurance recommended that the shuttle not fly until further



This undated photo provided by NASA shows the STS-121 crew members: mission specialists Stephanie Wilson; Michael Fossum; commander Steven Lindsey; mission specialist Piers Sellers; pilot Mark Kelly; mission specialist Thomas Reiter and Lisa Nowak, from left. The seven member crew is scheduled to lift off Saturday onboard the space shuttle Discovery.

design changes had been made to the tank. NASA administrator Michael Griffin, however, favored flying without more changes but with plans to make the modifications in the future.

A design with greater amounts of foam removed from the tank didn't test well in wind-tunnel trials.

Discovery's commander, Steve Lindsey, said he was encouraged by the forthright design debate since NASA was criticized after the Columbia disaster for squelching dissent.

"Both sides were listened to, very vocally and very publicly," Lindsey said. "You had a group of engineers who said, 'Change it.' Managers decided, 'Don't change it.' I guess time will tell which side was really right."

Armed with data from each new flight, NASA managers

and engineers plan to make changes to the foam on the tank before each future flight until the fleet is grounded in 2010. The next-generation vehicle isn't expected to fly until around 2014.

NASA managers have acknowledged that another fatal mistake could ground the three remaining shuttles before the international space station is finished being built. It also could rule out any chances of a repair mission to the Hubble Space Telescope.

"Look, if we go fly and have another accident, that will be the end of the program," Hale said recently. "I'd rather not fly and say we couldn't get our act together ... than rush into some ill-advised launch where we had a catastrophe."

Discovery's 12-day mission, which will be only the second

shuttle flight since the Columbia accident, already was postponed once, from May to July. A faulty fuel tank sensor was blamed — much like it was last summer when a similar problem forced NASA to delay launching Discovery by several weeks.

Since Discovery's flight last year, technicians also have replaced or removed almost a third of the shuttle's 16,000 gap fillers. During last year's mission, two of these heat-resistant strips came loose, jutting from the shuttle's belly, and an astronaut had to remove them in a high-stakes spacewalk to avoid any harm to the shuttle on its return flight.

Discovery also has stronger insulation tiles around the vulnerable spot of the nose landing gear door, a sturdier tire and wheel system and new

cameras attached to the solid rocket boosters that can capture more images of falling foam or other dangers to the shuttle and crew.

Efforts to get the shuttles flying again weren't just hampered by technical problems but by Mother Nature and a series of worker accidents.

Hurricane Katrina caused almost half a billion dollars in damage to two southern facilities where rockets are tested and designed. At Kennedy Space Center, Discovery's robotic arm was bumped by a platform.

Discovery's mission, like the previous one, is considered a test flight. Astronauts will be loaded up with experimental tasks, trying different methods of inspecting the vehicle for damage. Any missions that follow this will be dedicated to

finishing construction of the space station before the shuttle is retired.

Once at the station, Discovery will be leaving one of the seven astronauts behind. The European Space Agency's Thomas Reiter will return the international space station to a three-man crew for the first time since early 2003.

The shuttle crew also will deliver 5,100 pounds of cargo, including an oxygen generation system that can support a space station crew of six, and a laboratory freezer. They will haul back 4,700 pounds of cargo, including lots of trash.

"We have a lot of stuff onboard the space station that we need to get rid of," said U.S. flight engineer Jeff Williams, who currently lives on the station along with Russian commander Pavel Vinogradov.

Astronauts Piers Sellers and Mike Fossum will make two spacewalks, with a third one possible, adding an extra day to the mission, to test repair techniques on the space shuttle's thermal protection system. It will be Fossum's first spacewalk.

The spacewalkers will replace a cable connecting the space station's external railroad car and test the stability of a boom for use as a platform for shuttle repairs. The 50-foot boom, hooked to Discovery's 50-foot robotic arm, will swing the astronauts to various parts of the station and shuttle.

"You're standing at the end of it at night, so you'll feel like you're standing on a diving board or standing at the top of a telephone pole or hanging down from a ceiling," Sellers said. "It's disorienting, there's no question ... You won't always know which way is up."

Discovery's astronauts also will gather 3-dimensional images of their ship's wings and nose cap using a laser imager at the end of the boom. From the space station, Williams will photograph images of the shuttle's underside as it does a flip before docking.

If something looks suspicious, the astronauts can try to repair any damage during a spacewalk. In a worst-case scenario, the astronauts could stay at the space station for 81 days until a rescue shuttle is sent up to bring the crew back. Space shuttle Atlantis, the potential rescue vehicle, is scheduled to be moved to the launch pad in late July.



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