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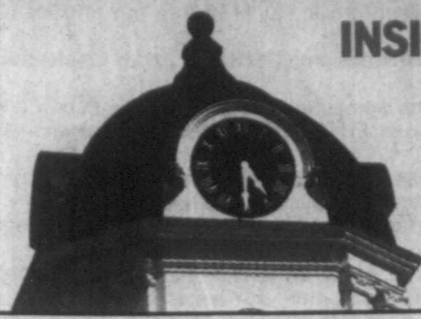
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Proposed drive would ease traffic near North

By GREG TRAVIS
Staff Writer

A proposed road project that would create a second entrance and exit for Calloway County's North Elementary School has school officials excited about the possibilities of better accommodating traffic at the facility.

"We're excited about the potential of this project to alleviate some of the traffic problems at North Elementary," commented School Superintendent Steve Hoskins about the county's largest elementary school, with more than 600 students. "Howard Brandon has been very gracious to us in planning the drive across his property to link to a road he's already constructed. We're lucky to have a good neighbor like Mr. Brandon and to have our local government officials helping to develop this plan which will be a benefit to our faculty, students and parents at North Elementary."

Hoskins said he didn't know exactly when the project will get a "green light," but it "can't be too soon for the convenience and safety of all those with business at the school."

North Elementary School Principal Margaret Cook is also excited about the possibilities of a second ingress/egress from the parking lot.

"We have more than 600 students enrolled and many students are transported by car. At dismissal time, we always make every effort to get the buses on and off our lot quickly. At the same time, we are loading stu-

dents into cars and because of the high volume of traffic, there is a backup of cars on Brinn Road," she explained. "With a new access road, the traffic situation will greatly improve and it will make a safer situation for our students, parents and those traveling on Brinn Road. The road is a definite necessity and the entire North community will be grateful."

Brandon will designate the exact roadway path to cause the least interference with lots he has subdivided on his property, according to David Dowdy, public relations coordinator for Calloway County Schools.

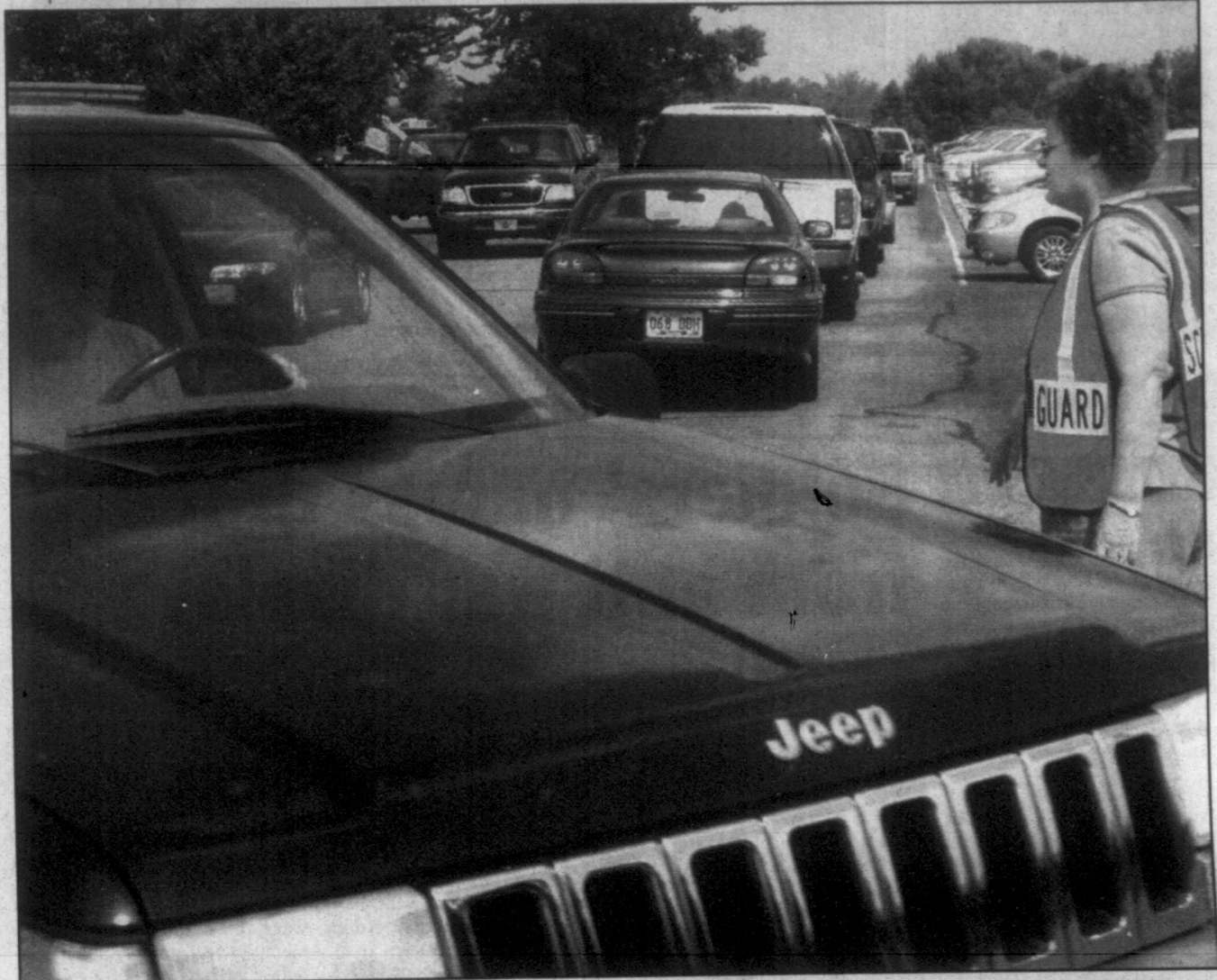
"All we know is that it will come off of the back (east) side of the North Elementary property," Dowdy said. "(Brandon) hopes to have an exit from the new Highway 80 onto Opportunity Drive."

At its August board meeting, Hoskins told school board members that he had met with Brandon concerning the proposed project at the school. Hoskins said he and Brandon had discussed various technical specifications and they were currently reviewing the legal aspects of the project.

Dowdy said the area around North Elementary School has been experiencing steady growth over the years and the new drive would be a tremendous asset to the school.

"There is much more traffic than there used to be," he said.

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GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times

Calloway County's North Elementary School Principal Margaret Cook directs the heavy afternoon traffic from the school's parking lot onto Brinn Road. Cook joins other school officials in expressing excitement about the possibility of a second entrance and exit from the east side of the facility.

Calloway gets dump clean-up funds

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Calloway County Fiscal Court has been allocated \$40,000 for the clean-up of nine illegal dump sites in the county through a Kentucky Pride Fund grant. Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced \$2.8 million in grants for the clean-up of 475 illegal open dumps in 56 counties last week.

Rita Burton, solid waste coordinator for Calloway County, said the funding — \$40,030.71 — had been awarded to the county last year but had then been canceled to help balance the state budget. It was then re-allocated under a new senate bill approved by the 2006 General Assembly effective July 12.

The new law converted the illegal open dump reimbursement program to a grant program and the funds were returned to the counties that had applied for it in 2002.

Burton said she was glad to hear that the funds had been put back into the environmental budget because it is badly needed on the local level.

"We can use every red cent they can send us and then some," she said.

Dump sites are scheduled for clean-up are located near Oregon, Jamison, Radio, and West Fork roads as well as Skimmer Drive and Cypress Trail. The work will be performed by Calloway County Road Department crews sometime in late September or October.

“It may look like a dump site but, of course, we can't do anything about that ... We're not in the business of regulating ugly.”

— Rita Burton
Calloway County Solid Waste Coordinator
on differences in illegal dumps and neighbor complaints of unkempt property

All the sites were created by the dumping discarded materials on private property around the county.

However, Burton pointed out that private land owners will have to pay to clean up dump sites located on their properties themselves in the future because the deadline for state financial assistance has passed.

"In 2002, we said if you know about an illegal dump site on your property we'll help you get it cleaned up," she said. "But from this point on, if anybody has a dump site on their property, they are responsible for cleaning it up."

Some of the material found in dump sites include various home-siding materials, garbage, old tires, auto-body parts, books, old furniture, appliances, metal, paint cans, and other refuse.

Although dumping at existing sites scheduled for clean-up



TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times

Pictured above is one of nine illegal dumpsites located on private property in the county that are scheduled to be cleaned up this fall with state and county funds. Like this site, located somewhere in the Cypress Springs area, illegal dump sites have become a blight on the face of Calloway County's scenic countryside.

seems to have slowed, Burton pointed out that she continues to receive complaints concerning illegal dumping across the county.

"It's not so much the big sites anymore, but little ones where somebody had dumped two or

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Earlier park closure lowers MPD complaints

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

A decision by the Calloway County Parks and Recreation Board of Directors to close Chestnut Street Park two hours earlier has met with relief from residents living around the area and has given the Murray Police Department the authority to act on numerous complaints.

William Rasinen, interim park director, told board members during a meeting last night that the action has been successful and there has been no opposition.

"That has gone well," he said. "We've placed a gate there and we've had no complaints. There's also less trash and less vandalism."

MPD Chief Ken Claud told the board that, along with a recently-approved noise ordinance adopted by the Murray City Council, the decision to close the park at 10 p.m. instead of midnight has allowed police to act.

"I think that has helped tremendously," Claud said. "I don't think we've been getting as many complaints as we did before."

He has also asked the department's K-9 officer to walk through Chestnut Park periodically in an effort to prevent and detect any criminal activity. "That may also act as a deterrent," Claud said, noting that the same patrol could also be ordered for Central Park.

Last month, the board agreed to close Chestnut Park earlier for a trial period of three months in an effort to deal with complaints from neighbors living in adjoining neighborhoods about loud music that would sometimes play all the way up to midnight. There have also been complaints concerning littering and vandalism inside the park.

However Claud pointed out that the move may also have some adverse affect on other areas.

"They're going to go somewhere," he said. "Now that we've run them out of the park they'll probably go back to the (parking) lots. It's a vicious circle."

Claud also advised the board that keeping the gates at Chestnut and Central parks closed would help keep undesirable

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E-town bracing for impact of Ford cutbacks

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. (AP) — A west-central Kentucky plant that makes frames for Ford trucks and SUVs is bracing for the impact of the automotive giant's temporary shutdowns of production facilities.

Workers at the Dana Corp. factory in Elizabethtown may hear within a week how the 21-percent cutback in production by Ford will affect them, said John Wheeler, president of United Auto Workers 3047.

"Right now it's just a guessing game," Wheeler said.

Ford announced last week that it will cut back its larger vehicle production from last year because of an increase in demand for fuel efficiency and temporarily shutter 10 assembly plants.

Dana Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March and laid off 47 workers at the Elizabethtown plant in February. That came just a month after the factory renewed a contract to make F-150 frames.

The plant also builds frames for the Expedition and Lincoln Navigator, two other large Ford vehicles.



BEATING THE BOOK STORE RUSH: Brooke French, a Murray State University senior, elementary education major from Paris, Tenn., gets a jump on the crowd at the Bradley Book Co. this morning. Assisting her with her book purchases are Anita Vance, left, a seasonal employee, and Denise Boaz, manager.

Corrections

In a news story Friday, it was reported that Calloway County Sheriff Larry Roberts enlisted the aid of the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation concerning the investigation of a possible forgery of a public document; however the KBI has not initiated an investigation into the matter, according to Vicki Glass, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office.

Due to a reporter's error, the name of Murray R/C Modeler Randy Canter was incorrectly listed as Steve Canter in a story in Monday's newspaper.

The Murray Ledger & Times strives to ensure accurate and fair reporting; however mistakes occasionally occur. It is the Ledger's policy to correct errors. To report a news mistake or error, please call 753-1916.

Town Crier

NOTICE

The American Red Cross board for Calloway County will meet at 12:30 p.m. today at the MCCH Center for Health and Wellness.

Beginning Wednesday, Waldrop Drive will be closed to through traffic. Only Murray State Residential College traffic and emergency vehicles will be permitted on this section of street. Persons wishing to travel north or south in this area should plan to use North 16th Street in lieu of Waldrop.

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the board room. The agenda includes a construction update, information about the Miller dedication and an executive session.

The Dexter-Almo Heights Water District will call a special meeting, Thursday at 7 p.m. to open contractor bids for the Coles Campground Road Waterline Extension Project. The meeting will be held at the Water Office located at 351 Almo Road in Almo.

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

Soldiers' names dropped from anti-war display

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An anti-war group has removed the names of soldiers who died in Iraq after the wife of one soldier protested about his inclusion in a display at the Kentucky State Fair.

The Louisville Peace Action Community, which opposes the war in Iraq, is calling survivors to ask permission to display the names of slain soldiers.

Ken Nevitt of the Louisville Peace Action Community said the group didn't want to cause families any more unwanted anguish.

The name of Rob Henderson, who was killed in Iraq in 2004, was among 52 Kentucky service members names posted at the fair under a piece of paper that read "In honor of their sacrifices" when Henderson's wife saw the display.

"It was like someone stabbed me in the heart," said Lisa Henderson, 27, of Bowling Green. "My husband went over there and was supportive of the military and of going over there," said "For someone to use his name to end the war and ask to pull all the troops out, my husband would not have been in support of that."

The Kentucky National Guard, which also has a booth at the fair, after hearing Henderson's story, asked the group to remove the names and ask the survivors for permission before posting them.

"It's not a legal issue," said National Guard Maj. Dylan Seitz. "It's to allow the families to characterize the death as they want to. A lot of the family members feel strongly about the policy in Iraq, supporting it or being against it, but we want to allow them to have a say in how their names are used."

Parks Board ...

From Front

activity down.

In other business, the board listened as Dave Foley, post commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6291, and post officer Bob McAllister, presented details of the organization's plan to construct a veterans memorial on the northeast section of Chestnut Park. Board members had requested more information from VFW officials about progress on their fundraising effort before issuing a written agreement that the park will provide a large section of the northeast corner of the park for the construction.

VFW members have sought the board's written guarantee for allocation of the land for a proposed \$203,000 facility.

There have also been concerns about how much of the land would be required and how much time it will take for VFW members to raise the funding.

"It's slow but it's coming," Foley said, pointing out that the group is seeking an experienced grant writer to help find funding to pay for much of the project.

Foley said he has also been in contact with U.S. Smokeless

Tobacco officials concerning a grant, as well as Sen. Mitch McConnell concerning the possibility of federal funds, but that the group needs assurance that the land has been secured.

"We just want to be sure we're going to have the land," he said. "It's city land and the mayor says it's all right with him, but it has to go through you people."

McAllister spoke briefly telling the board that assurance is needed that the land will be there when the time comes to begin construction. "I think it needs to be in writing so there are no future speed bumps, so to speak," he said.

Danny Hudspeth, a member of the Murray City Council as well as the park board, noted that the city has considered using the same area as the site of a future police or fire station. Other members of the board have raised concerns that the land may lay unused for any other purpose for an undetermined length of time.

"Our intention is to have this done in two years ... if you can give us two years," Foley said.

The board took no action on the request during the meeting, but delayed a decision until the legalities of the move could be

From Front

determined. Also, board member and Murray councilman Hugh Massey said the personnel committee has received 10 applications for the job of park director and one for program director. Rasinen, who was hired as program director, is serving as temporary park director until someone can be hired to fill the position. Rasinen has applied for the director's post.

Massey said personnel board members had reduced the list of candidates from 10 to four, but that other candidates could be added to the list.

"It would be up to you whether you want to take a look at, any one of the others," Massey said.

A special-called meeting of the board has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Aug. 29 in the boardroom of the Murray Electric System office on Olive Street. The meeting is scheduled to last for about two to three hours. During a previous meeting, the board approved a request by Massey that the new park director be hired by a vote of the entire board and not just by the chairman and a small group of board members as previously required.

Police Sheriff Fire Logs

Murray Police Department

- An employee at Kroger witnessed a man abusing a lady at 12:26 p.m. Friday. Robert Tom Jr., 40, of Murray, was arrested for fourth-degree assault.
- Someone came into the station at 3:15 p.m. Friday in reference to a break-in.
- A vehicle tried to run someone off the road near Fourth and Maple streets at 7:04 p.m. Friday. The subject was gone when an officer arrived.
- An odor of gas was reported at Food Giant at 6:53 a.m. Saturday. Murray Natural Gas System was notified.
- A gas leak was reported at 10:47 a.m. Saturday at 1604 College Farm Road.
- Katherine Davidson, 22, of Murray, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a warrant charging her with second-degree assault stemming from an incident with an acquaintance.
- Criminal mischief was reported at 3 a.m. Sunday after a vehicle was damaged at 97 Harvard.
- Someone came into the station at 11:04 a.m. Sunday to report an assault.
- A burglary was reported at 1548-C Diuguid Drive at 11:37 a.m. Sunday.
- A man at Kroger Fuel was begging for money and threatening to blow up the station at 1:44 p.m. Sunday. He left the gas station northbound on U.S. 641.
- An assault was reported at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at 107 Murray Place. The caller said the assault occurred Saturday night.
- A car stereo was reported stolen from 906 N. 18th St. at 7:52 p.m. Sunday.
- An injury crash was reported at Robertson Road and Ky. 94 East at 8:41 a.m. Monday. EMS and Murray Fire Department also responded but the subject was gone when officers arrived.
- A bicycle was reported stolen from Wal-Mart at 9:21 a.m. Monday. A white male in camouflage shorts left riding the black, red and chrome Mongoose northbound on U.S. 641.
- A theft was reported at 78 Spruce St. at 10:01 a.m. Monday.
- Meter tampering was reported at 111 S. 10th St. at 11:01 a.m. Monday.
- An injury crash was reported on U.S. 641 North near Cains at 2:53 p.m. Monday.
- A juvenile was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A caller from Paschall Road reported a burglary at 4:18 p.m. Friday. The incident happened sometime Thursday night. A case was opened.
- A caller from Pottertown Road reported at 9:01 a.m. Saturday someone stole a license plate of a vehicle Friday night. A case was opened.
- Someone came into the station to report vandalism at 11:18 a.m. Saturday because windows were broken out of a truck.
- A school bus was reported stolen at 5:53 p.m. Saturday from a location near Downy and Parish drives.

Calloway County Fire-Rescue

- The smell of an electrical fire was reported at 10:51 p.m. Sunday on Seth Lane.

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

Clean-up ...

From Front

three bags of trash on the side of the road and things like that," she said. "But we still investigate those to see if we can identify who might have done it."

However most of the recent complaints come from county residents concerning a neighbor with unkempt property.

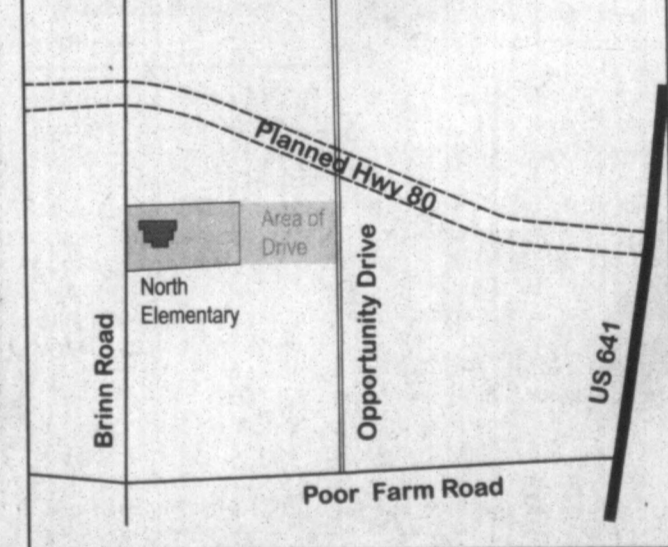
"It may look like a dump site but, of course, we can't do anything about that," Burton said. "We're not in the business of regulating ugly."

R. Bruce Scott, director of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Division of Waste Management which administers the fund, said significant progress has been made in dealing with the illegal dumping issue in the state, according to the governor's office release. The progress is due, in part, to a statewide

clean-up and education campaign sponsored by local, state and federal agencies.

State funding for the grant program comes from a \$1.75 environmental remediation fee paid for each ton of garbage disposed of at a Kentucky municipal solid-waste disposal facility. The fee was authorized by the General Assembly in 2002 and is collected quarterly and placed in the Kentucky Pride Fund to help combat illegal dumping as well as financing the closure of old landfills.

Participating counties agree to provide a 25 percent match for dump cleanups costing less than \$50,000. The EPPC may waive the match if costs are higher. Senate Bill 50 also expanded the scope of the Kentucky Pride Fund to address household hazardous waste collection as well as recycling equipment and infrastructure.



A drawing of the proposed new drive at North Elementary School. Map provided.

North ...

From Front

"With industrial development in that area and new homes being

built, this will be a real advantage for the school." Brandon was unavailable for comment.

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Gov. Fletcher appoints judge with drunken driving record to vacancy

By ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — One of three people Gov. Ernie Fletcher appointed on Saturday to fill judicial vacancies pleaded guilty two years ago to drunken driving.

Dan Zalla of Covington, the new circuit judge in Kenton County, was charged with reckless driving and drunken driving in northern Kentucky on Jan. 3, 2004. He pleaded guilty to drunken driving six days later, according to Boone County district court records. The reckless driving charge was dismissed.

Zalla's driver's license was suspended for two months and he paid a \$560.50 fine.

"I am pleased that Dan has accepted the appointment to the Kenton Circuit Court," Fletcher

said in a statement released Saturday. "His impressive professional experience speaks for itself and I believe that he will be a great addition to the bench."

Zalla, who is running for the office, replaces Doug Stephens who resigned in June. Zalla said he regrets having driven while drunk.

"I made a mistake," he said Monday. "I pleaded guilty right way, took my medicine, and apologized to my family, church and friends."

Angela Criswell, executive director the Kentucky affiliate of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said she hopes Zalla learned from his experience.

"MADD as an organization would want to reserve judgment until we can see his judicial

record," Criswell said. "But we will be watching closely to ensure that the law is fully exercised when it comes to DUI prosecutions in his court."

Zalla is running for the office of family court judge against northern Kentucky attorney Chris Mehling. Mehling said Monday that voters, not Fletcher, will have the final say in November about who they want as family court judge.

Fletcher also appointed former Franklin County Circuit Judge Ray Corns as a Franklin County district court judge to replace Thomas D. Wingate. Fletcher had appointed Wingate to fill an opening in Franklin County circuit court in July.

While serving as circuit judge, Corns presided over a lawsuit that led to major

changes in the way the state funds public schools. That lawsuit was the catalyst for the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990.

"I am pleased that Judge Corns has agreed to bring his experience back to the courts of Franklin County," Fletcher said. "Judge Corns has presided over some of the most important legal cases of our day ..."

Fletcher also appointed Rebecca K. Phillips of Grayson as circuit judge in the eastern Kentucky counties of Carter, Elliott and Morgan to replace the retired Sam Long.



Fletcher

Kentucky in Brief

Police: Monkey's Eyebrow man accidentally shoots self

MONKEY'S EYEBROW, Ky. (AP) — A western Kentucky man accidentally shot himself with a shotgun he was loading onto a truck, officials said.

Kentucky State Police said 48-year-old Clois Randall Cooper of Monkey's Eyebrow died from a gunshot wound to the chest. Police said Cooper was loading equipment onto his truck to go squirrel hunting when the shotgun went off.

Foul play is not suspected. Monkey's Eyebrow is in Ballard County in western Kentucky about 30 miles west of Paducah.

Man jailed for strip-searching

McDonald's worker denied probation

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Bullitt County man sentenced for strip-searching a McDonald's employee on orders from a caller posing as a police officer has been denied shock probation.

Walter W. Nix Jr. was sentenced in March to five years in prison for sexually abusing a teenage girl at the restaurant where he worked in 2004.

Bullitt Circuit Court Judge Thomas Waller on Monday denied Nix's request, which would have freed him from prison after five months.

The victim opposed the early release. "I lost my dignity, pride and innocence," she wrote in a note read aloud in court Monday. "I want him to realize he is no longer considered the good person he considers himself — he is a weak-minded person who broke down and hurt me because of the words of another person."

Nix's lawyer argued that he deserved probation because he had no prior criminal record. She also argued that experiments have shown that decent people will do harmful things if commanded by someone they think is an authority figure.

Climber suffers fatal fall at Red River Gorge in eastern Kentucky

CAMPTON, Ky. (AP) — A climber camping at Red River Gorge in eastern Kentucky fell to his death from a 100-foot cliff, officials said.

Tevis Shaw, 20, of Lexington, disappeared from his campsite early Monday morning.

Wolfe County Coroner J. Frank Porter said Shaw's head struck a rock after the fall.

Elizabeth Dostart was camping with Shaw in the Hen's Nest area off Sky Bridge Road, in Wolfe County. She said that she and the other campers awoke to find that Shaw was not at the campsite. When they went looking for him, they found Shaw's flashlight or the ground at the top of the cliff. They later found the body.

KSP: Foul play not suspected in child's drowning

MONTICELLO, Ky. (AP) — Police investigating the drowning death of an 8-year-old boy in Lake Cumberland said Monday that they don't suspect foul play.

The boy, Dylan Rambo, drowned after the car his mother was driving plunged into the water Saturday morning near the Cumberland Point Boat Ramp in Wayne County in southern Kentucky.

State police Detectives Doug Boyd and Billy Correll of the Frankfort post are investigating the incident, and "do not suspect any foul play at the time," according to a statement. It said prosecutors in Wayne County are working with state police.

An autopsy on the boy's body determined he died from drowning, the statement said.

Police said the boy's 6-year-old sister, Misty Rambo, unbuckled her seat belt and swam to fishermen who saw the car go into the water. The fishermen also saved their mother, 27-year-old Wynema Worley, but the car sank before they could reach Dylan Rambo. Rescuers retrieved his body about 20 minutes later.

One official has suggested that Worley, of Bronston, may have intentionally driven the car, a 1995 Chevrolet Corsica, into Lake Cumberland.

Pulaski County Coroner Richard New said a nurse told him that Misty Rambo said her mother said suddenly she was going to drive the car into the lake.

The girl was treated at a hospital and released into foster care on Saturday. New said she should be released to family members this week.

Worley was admitted to a hospital and released Sunday, hospital officials said. She could not be reached for comment at her home in Bronston.

State police and New said Worley was headed to her mother's house near the boat ramp after arguing with her husband, Danny Worley. She took the children and left after the dispute, New said.

Wynema Worley, who had not been charged as of Monday, told troopers she thought she hit a creek, then blacked out, New said.

"It's a tragic event for the little girl," New said. "Right now police are concerned for her ... and are waiting until all of this gets settled down for her."

Teacher reassigned after burning two flags in class

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A middle school teacher in Louisville has been removed from the classroom after burning two American flags in class as part of a civics lesson.

Dan Holden, a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Stuart Middle School, burned two flags Friday as part of a lesson on freedom of speech, said Jefferson County schools spokeswoman Lauren Roberts said.

The students were asked to write an opinion paper on the flag burning, Roberts said.

Holden, a teacher in the school district since 1979, has been reassigned to non-instructional duties while the incident is under investigation.

Roberts said the flag burning did not appear to be politically motivated, based on an interview with Holden.

The district also alerted city fire officials.

"Certainly we're concerned about the safety aspect," Roberts said, along with "the judgment of using that type of demonstration in a class."

Pat Summers, whose daughter was in Holden's class, told The Courier-Journal of Louisville that more than 20 parents showed up at the school Monday, upset over the incident.

"She said, 'Our teacher burned a flag.' I'm like, 'What?'" Summers said.

Brent McKim, president of the Jefferson County Teachers Association, said Holden has "been teaching for many years, and has by all accounts a good teaching record. It was not a political statement and was meant to illustrate a controversial issue. To fire someone because of that would be inappropriate," he said. "It wasn't like he was taking one side or another."

An attempt to pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting

flag burning failed in the U.S. Senate earlier this year.

Beth Wilson, director of Kentucky's American Civil Liberties Union, said the school district is allowed to decide what's instructionally appropriate.

But "if a school is masking their objections to flag burning under the guise of safety, it raises questions about freedom of speech and academic freedom," she said. She said the ACLU would monitor the case but is not involved at this point.

Stuart sixth-grader Kelsey Adwell, 11, said students were abuzz about the incident on Monday.

"They just can't believe that a teacher would do that — burn two American flags in front of the class," she said. "A teacher shouldn't do that, even though it was an example."

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Visiting Illinois' capital worth the short drive

If you feel like the door has slammed on summer and you are in mourning for the passing of vacation season, take heart. There is time for quick trips to interesting destinations, and a trek to Springfield, Ill., could be just what the doctor ordered.

It takes 4 hours and 46 minutes to travel the 287 miles from Murray to Springfield, according to Mapquest. It's a straight shot up Interstate 24 to Interstate 57 North, and then west on Interstate 64 toward St. Louis. A couple of zigzags north and west, and you're there.

With plenty of sights to see and reasonable accommodations available, Springfield is a great stop for travelers of all ages.



Main Street
By Constance Alexander
Local Columnist

There is enough to do without feeling overwhelmed. In the end there will be enough left over that you have not had time for, so you may find yourself planning another trip back to Springfield in the spring.

Though Lincoln was born in Kentucky, most folks in Illinois insist on claiming him as a native son. Lincoln did come of age in Springfield, where he married, fathered his children and launched his law practice. He began his political career there too, and when he bade farewell to Illinois as he boarded a train for Washington and the presidency, he paid tribute to Springfield with these words: "To this place, and the kindness

of the people, I owe everything." Scholars could spend weeks — or a lifetime — in Springfield, just concentrating on attractions associated with the 16th president of the U.S. On Eighth Street, a National Historic Site includes Lincoln's home and other restored buildings from his era. The old train depot where the slain president's body was welcomed home has also been renovated.

The newest addition to the cityscape is the Lincoln Library and Museum, right downtown on North Sixth Street. The museum appeals to all ages, featuring high-tech components that reproduce the sound of thundering canons and frantic bedlam of Civil War battles.

In one anachronistic display, reporter Tim Russert hosts mock TV coverage about the 1860 presidential election. Another exhibit shows a "living" map that uses amazing animated sequences to show how Civil War battle lines moved back and forth between north and south until the tide turned.

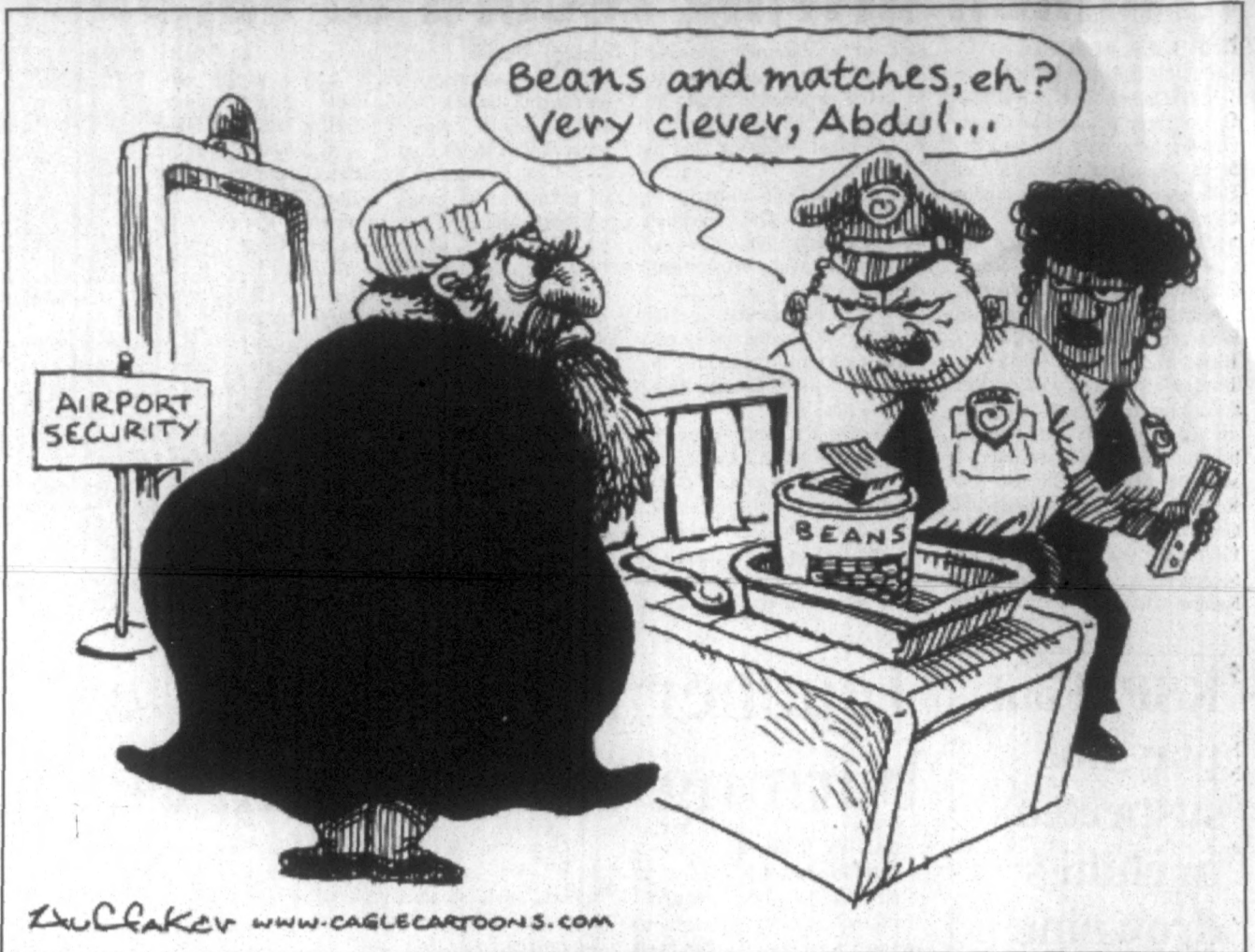
Every phase of Lincoln's life is interpreted at the museum, from his birth in a crude Kentucky log cabin; to his rise as a lawyer and political candidate; through the Civil War and its monumental challenges for the republic; to the assassination and the sadness that followed. Silicone sculptures of Lincoln, his wife and other political figures of the era are so lifelike, museum visitors whisper in their presence.

Travelers to Springfield interested in art and architecture will find the Dana-Thomas House at 301 E. Lawrence St. to be one of the best preserved of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie houses. Room after room of this gracious mansion is decorated with a range of Wright-designed accessories — more than 100 pieces of furniture and 450 elegant glass art doors, windows and light fixtures.

A stop at the local cemetery brings you to Lincoln's tomb, and right outside the cemetery is a quirkier attraction, the Museum of Funeral Customs. On display are artifacts associated with the history of burial practices, Victorian mourning fashions and jewelry, caskets and coffins from various eras and rare books on embalming that go back to the 16th century.

Springfield, the capital of Illinois, is a mid-size city of about 113,500 souls. For more information about these and the many other sites to tour in the state capital, log on to <http://www.enjoyillinois.com>.

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



Navigating minefield of Iraq public opinion a tricky task for politicians

WASHINGTON TODAY

By Will Lester

WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters are clearly unhappy with the war in Iraq and increasingly pessimistic about its prospects, polls indicate. And they're uneasy about abandoning that country to terrorists and chaos.

Faced with these two basic and conflicting public sentiments, both political parties are struggling to develop a winning campaign message on Iraq.

It's one of the dominant — and trickiest — issues in the midterm campaign.

The victory in the Connecticut Democratic primary earlier this month of anti-war candidate Ned Lamont over incumbent Sen. Joe Lieberman, a defender of the Iraq war, cranked up the volume on the Iraq debate.

President Bush said again this weekend that successfully completing the Iraq mission is critical to fighting terrorism. Vice President Dick Cheney said soon after the primary that Lamont's victory might encourage "the al-Qaida types" who want to "break the will of the American people in terms of our ability to stay in the fight and complete the task." Republican Chairman Ken Mehlman said the choice is between "adapt-and-win or cut-and-run."

Some Republican lawmakers have offered a critique of the Iraq war, but few have been as blunt as Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. He said in early August that it is very wrong "to put American troops in a hope-

less, winless situation, just keep feeding them in to — to what's going on."

Democrats are more critical across the board, though they have their differences.

Lamont said the Iraq war is emboldening terrorists and noted that keeping about 132,000 U.S. troops "in the middle of a bloody civil war" in Iraq is weakening the United States. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic 2004 presidential nominee and a possible 2008 candidate, was quick to rally to Lamont's side, and on Sunday he repeated his support for setting a date to bring troops home.

Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean said his party's position is "to bring our troops home, but we're not committing to bring our troops home immediately. I don't know of any — or very few — Democrats that want to do that."

Two-thirds of Republicans say they approve of Bush's handling of Iraq, according to AP-Ipsos polling in August. Nine of 10 Democrats disapprove and two-thirds of independents disapprove.

"We should leave Iraq now, there's nothing more we can do," said Joey Yovino-Young, a construction worker from Oakland, Calif., who leans Democratic. "We've done our damage. We should give them

humanitarian assistance."

About two-thirds of Democrats favor leaving as soon as possible, according to Pew Research Center polling. More than two-thirds of Republicans favor keeping troops in Iraq until the situation is stabilized.

"The trap for Democrats is being seen as too far left on Iraq, being seen as the peacenik party," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "The trap for Republicans is distancing themselves from President Bush's management of Iraq without seeming overly critical."

For Republicans to stand firmly behind the war they need to explain how it will be resolved.

"Americans are not looking for a hasty retreat, but they're equally opposed to being a punching bag without a purpose," said GOP pollster David Winston.

Republicans have to be conscious of the president's dip among key swing groups the last couple of years.

For example, two-thirds of married women with children in the household disapproved of Bush's handling of his job as president, according to the AP-Ipsos poll in August.

About six in 10 Southern women disapprove of Bush's handling of his job as president, according to the August poll. Bush won 54

percent of their vote in 2004, according to exit polls.

Among registered voters, 56 percent of married women with children in the household would vote for the Democrat in their House district and 36 percent would vote for the Republican. That's almost a complete switch from 2004, when Bush won 56 percent of their vote.

Some findings from a Pew poll last week:

—More than half, 55 percent, say the U.S. military efforts in Iraq are not going well — the highest percentage to say that since the war started, according to the Pew poll.

—People are divided on whether the U.S. will succeed in establishing a stable government in Iraq, with 47 percent thinking that is likely and 41 percent saying it is not.

—Just over half say they want to see a timetable on bringing troops home.

The difficulty of coming up with an appealing strategy is captured by Shirley Baker, a political independent from Oklahoma, who's not happy about Iraq, whether troops stay or leave.

"I don't know how we can possibly leave and feel that we accomplished what we set out to do," said Baker, a retiree who lives near Tulsa. "But when you take their religious and political views, I don't see what we can do."

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Obituaries

John Trotter

John Trotter, 95, Kirkwood Drive, Murray, died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at 10 p.m. at his home. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Verna T. Montgomery Edmaiston

The funeral for Mrs. Verna T. Montgomery Edmaiston will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. Sammy Cunningham will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Lynn Montgomery, Randy Montgomery, Mike Montgomery, Jonathan Montgomery, Anthony Duncan and Patrick Parrish. Burial will follow in the McCuiston Cemetery, New Concord. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Mrs. Edmaiston, 80, Thurman Road, Murray, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at 1:05 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Her husband, Granvel Montgomery, died in 1988. Two brothers, Herman and Ellis Todd, also preceded her in death. Born Jan. 26, 1926, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Elbert Todd and Dora Hutchins Todd. A homemaker, she was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Janice Congdon and husband, Ryan, Dunlap, Tenn., and Mrs. Ola Parrish, New Concord; one son, Jerry Montgomery and wife, Patti, Kirksey; two brothers, Kenneth Todd and wife, Rosemary, Kirksey, and Lewis Todd, New Concord; eight grandchildren, Jerry L. Montgomery, Kirksey, Renee Duncan and Mike Montgomery, both of Murray, Randy Montgomery, Coldwater, Chaneal Nix, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Michael Simpson, Ringo, Ga., Patrick Parrish, New Concord, and Wendy Congdon, Cadiz; 15 great-grandchildren.

Paul L. Tilsforth

The funeral for Paul L. Tilsforth will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Churchill-Imes Family Funeral Home. Rev. Michael Blake and Rev. Bob Saywell will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Mr. Tilsforth, 74, Murray, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, at 7:42 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Born April 29, 1932, he was the son of the late Brooke Tilsforth and Mildred Palmer Tilsforth.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Reeves Tilsforth; one son, Todd Tilsforth and wife, Julie, and two grandchildren, Autumn and Avery Tilsforth, all of Evansville, Ind.; one brother, Tim Tilsforth and wife, Debbie, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Mrs. Cammie Mann Bolin

The funeral for Mrs. Cammie Mann Bolin will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Townsend Funeral Home, Dixon. Rev. Terry Garvin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Dixon.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Tuesday) and after 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Murray-Calloway County Hospital Hospice, 803 Poplar St., Murray, Ky., 42071, or to The Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, 631 S. Limestone St., Lexington, Ky., 40508.

Mrs. Bolin, 84, Murray, formerly of Dixon, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, at 8:05 p.m. in Murray.

A homemaker, she was the owner/operator of Bolin's Drug Store in Dixon with her late husband, James Wesley Bolin. A former teacher, she taught in Atlanta and Martin, Tenn., and at Webster County High School and had been a Sunday school teacher at Dixon First Baptist Church. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Murray.

Preceding her in death were her husband and one brother, J.C. Mann. She was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Obion County, Tennessee.

Survivors include two sons, Duane Bolin and wife, Evelyn, Murray, and Stephen Bolin and wife, Sharon, Hanson; one sister, Mrs. Mary Alice Sterling, Atoka, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Chris Bolin, Wesley Bolin and Cammie Jo Bolin; one great-grandchild, Kasiy; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Mayme C. Johnson

The funeral for Mrs. Mayme C. Johnson was today (Tuesday) at 10 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. Heyward Roberts and Rev. Jack Gordon officiated. Pallbearers were John Lane, Tommy Bridges, Chad Futrell, Jeff Futrell, Jerry Downey and Lou Card.

A graveside service will be today (Tuesday) at 1 p.m. at the Greenhill Memorial Gardens, Hopkinsville.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to a favorite charity in Mrs. Johnson's name.

Mrs. Johnson, 85, Fox Meadows Drive, Murray, former resident of Hopkinsville, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, at 6:46 p.m. at Spring Creek Health Care Center, Murray.

A homemaker, she was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Murray.

Her husband, George Thomas (Jim) Johnson, died in 1980. Also preceding her in death were one son, Eddie Nelson Johnson; two sisters, Virginia McDaniel and Opal Saurley; and four brothers, Paul, Earl, Jewel and Billy Cathcart. Born Aug. 16, 1921, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late O.C. Cathcart and Lula May Orr Cathcart.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Sharon F. Lane, Cadiz, Ms. Bonita C. Johnson, Hopkinsville, and Mrs. Patti Card, Senoia, Ga.; two sons, Joe T. Johnson and wife, Carol Jane, Plano, Texas, and R.B. Johnson, Houston, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Kernell, Murray; one stepson, J.G. (Goose) Johnson, Hopkinsville; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Manhunt closes college campus; fugitive captured in briar patch

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — A manhunt for an escaped jail inmate that shut down the Virginia Tech campus for hours following the slayings of a sheriff's deputy and a hospital security guard ended when police found the man where he was most comfortable — in the outdoors.

William Morva never wore shoes and liked to talk about going deer hunting so he could "be one with nature," said Madigan Milford, a Tech student from Berryville who worked at a downtown coffee shop.

One of hundreds of officers searching for Morva discovered him Monday afternoon on the second pass through a thick briar patch. He was hiding 150 yards from where Montgomery County Sheriff's Cpl. Eric E. Sutphin was shot and killed Monday morning on an off-campus hiking trail as he moved in on the fugitive, who was being sought in the fatal shooting of hospital security guard Derrick McFarland.

Morva, 24, was barefoot and wore only shorts, interim Blacksburg Police Chief Kim Crannis said.

He was charged with capital murder, use of a firearm in a felony, escape and felony assault on a police officer in the death of McFarland. Charges in Sutphin's slaying were pending.

Morva was taken in shackles to the Montgomery County Jail under a heavy police presence and was to be transferred to a regional facility "for security reasons," Sheriff Tommy Whitt said.

Crannis would not say what Morva had been doing since the shooting or whether he had contacted anyone or been spotted by citizens.

Students, shop clerks and police officers who knew Morva as a familiar figure around the university campus were shocked by his arrest.

"I thought he was weird," Milford said. "I would even say he was crazy, but harmless crazy."

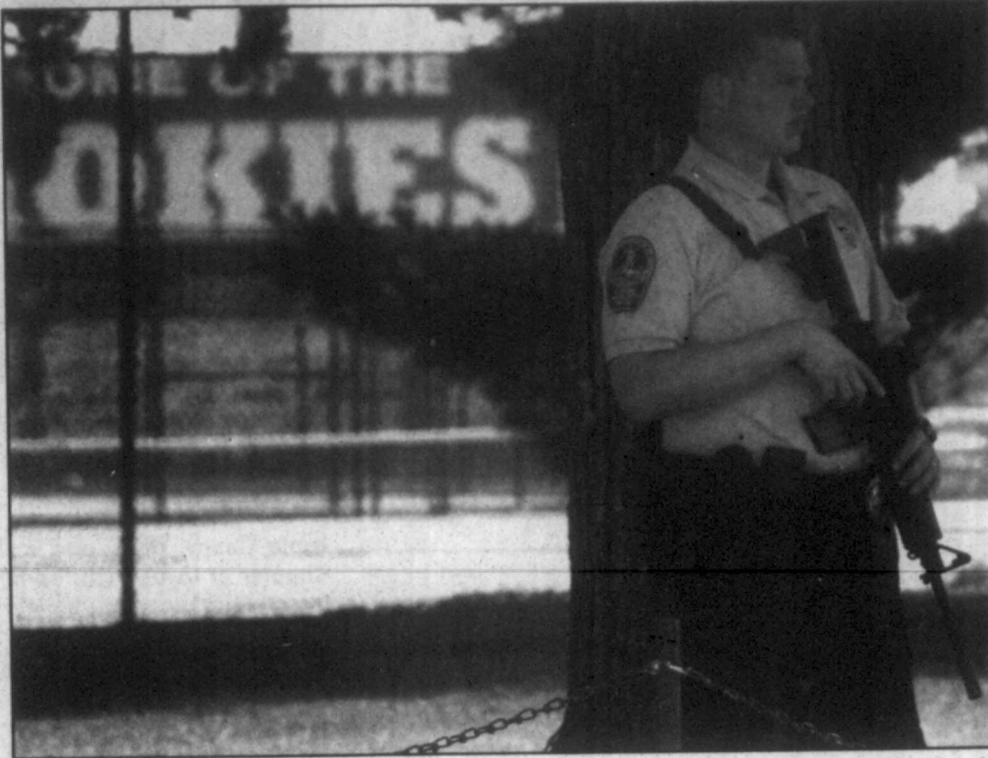
Travis Hatfield, a New River Community College student, said he often saw Morva downtown and he was aloof.

"He didn't seem like he'd hurt anybody," he said.

At least 300 police officers converged on the town and the 2,600-acre Tech campus on what was to be the first day of classes for the semester. University officials asked the 26,000 students to stay in their dormitories or apartments and sent the 6,000 faculty members and staff home. Traffic picked up in downtown Blacksburg following the arrest, and students lounged on a campus hillside Monday evening.

"Yow!" yelled a college-age man as he drove by a line of television news trucks outside the municipal building.

Blacksburg Officer M.L. Haynie said Morva had been homeless for several years but



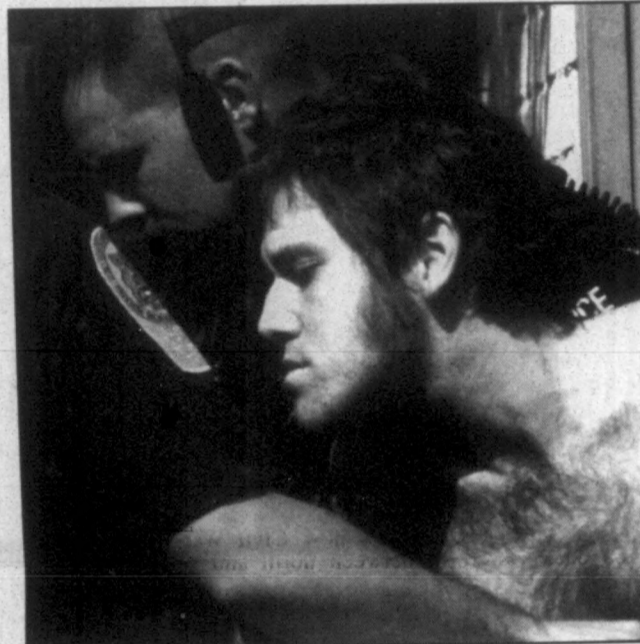
A Radford University police officer who refused to identify himself guards the perimeter of the search area on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Monday. Police captured William Morva, bottom right, who escaped from the county jail and is accused of shooting a sheriff's deputy and a security guard. The search for Morva brought hundreds of police to the 2,600-acre campus and kept 26,000 students in their locked dormitories after the first day of classes for the semester.

had never been in trouble with the law until he was charged with attempting to rob a store last year. He had been in the county jail awaiting trial, which was scheduled for Wednesday.

Morva escaped early Sunday after being taken to Montgomery Regional Hospital for treatment of a sprained leg and wrist. He overpowered a sheriff's deputy, took the deputy's gun and shot McFarland, 26, police said. The deputy was hospitalized in stable condition with a concussion and other head injuries.

The Montgomery sheriff had high praise for Sutphin, a decorated officer with 13 years in law enforcement.

"Eric was a true professional dedicated to the service of the citizens of Montgomery County," Whitt said.



Manhunt ends near former MSU soccer coach's office; Lovett says all is normal

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Today is business as usual for Michael Lovett — at least that's his hope.

The manhunt for an escape convict now wanted in the slayings of a hospital guard and a sheriff's deputy ended about 500 yards from Lovett's office in Cassell Coliseum on Virginia Tech's campus. Lovett, an assistant women's soccer coach who joined the Hokie staff after four years coaching goalkeepers at Murray State, witnessed the chaos that ended when 24-year-old William Morva was captured hiding in a briar patch along a trail barely off campus.

"Believe it or not, people were already playing on the field where he was caught only two hours later. So, yes, people did indeed feel safe," Lovett said in an e-mail to the Ledger & Times this morning. "And today it is business as usual."

Lovett — and the rest of the Virginia Tech

campus — was alerted Morva had killed the deputy sheriff about 8:30 a.m. A couple hours the campus was on lockdown. Rumors flew and chaos grew.

While the 26,000 students were ordered to their dorms or escorted off campus, Lovett and head coach Kelly Cagle and fellow assistant coach Charles "Chugger" Adair touched base with the soccer players.

Lovett, whose wife also works at the university, said employees were ordered to stay in their offices or get off campus by 11 a.m. They stayed glued to the TVs, waiting for the resolution, which came about 3:20 p.m.

"An air of relief was felt throughout the campus and the community at this time," Lovett said. "People in and around Blacksburg and Virginia Tech finally felt safe for the first time in about 35 hours."

—KRISTIN TAYLOR

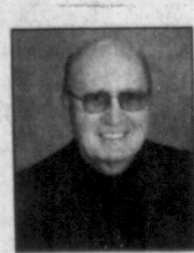
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Prep football adds two classes

SIX-CLASS SYSTEM FOR 2007 PUTS MORE TEAMS IN PLAYOFFS

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Louisville Trinity High School has ended four of the last five seasons with a football state championship trophy — one of only four handed out annually by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

But should Trinity win it again next year, it will have more company when it comes to bragging rights.

KHSAA's Board of Control on Monday gave final approval to a six-class system in high school football — the

most sweeping change to the playoffs since the four-class system was instituted in 1975.

So will this new system spread the glory or water it down? That perspective largely depends on whether a school is trying to reach elite status or, like Trinity, already has.

"What we have to realize is, this is not little league, pony league, where everybody gets a trophy," said Bob Beatty, Trinity's coach.

Under the new realignment, Louisville Trinity and others with the largest enrollment would play in Class 6A while those with the smallest would play in 1A.

Bob Redman, coach of crosstown rival Louisville Male's football program, said it doesn't matter to him how many different champions are crowned.

"However many A's they have, if I got one of them, I want it," Redman said.

KHSAA officials said the vast majority of high schools that weighed in favored the plan. Several, however, complained that their enrollment would fluctuate dramatically soon, so the board voted to recount — and possibly realign — in two years instead of four.

As a result, KHSAA turned down most requests of schools that wanted to "play down" to a lower division because of anticipated dropping class sizes.

"You can always say, 'Let's live with it for two years, then we'll listen to you again,'" said Bob Schneider, athletic director and football coach at Newport Central Catholic, who chaired the KHSAA panel that

approved the changes.

Each of the six classes would include eight separate districts composed of four to six teams. The smaller districts should allow for less travel and more flexibility among schools to schedule most of their opponents, Schneider said.

However, some schools have expressed concern that travel for out-of-district games would be strained because there would be more such games to schedule.

"They're not those coaches riding those buses at two o'clock in the morning when those kids get home from a 200-mile trip," Beatty said.

Bullitt Central High School was among a handful of schools appealing to "move down" to a lower class. Its athletic director, Mark Rogers, asked that his school be moved from

Class 6A to Class 5A because of imminent expected enrollment shifts in his school district.

The board rejected Rogers' request but agreed to review the numbers again in two years.

One school was granted a downgrade to a lower class. Clinton County High School complained that KHSAA was over-counting its enrollment by including students in a separate program not eligible to play intercollegiate athletics. The board agreed, moving the school from Class 2A to Class 1A.

Six of the 11 schools that asked to "play up," either for geographic or competitive reasons, had their requests granted.

PREP GOLF

Howard holes out at Princeton

8TH GRADER ACES No. 5; MHS TANDEM OF WELLINGHURST, SMITH CARD 38 FOR TIGERS

Staff Report

PRINCETON, Ky. — Eighth grader Chasten Howard headlined the efforts of the Calloway County golf team with a hole in one during Monday's tri-match at the Princeton Golf & Country Club.

Howard completed the feat with an 8-iron on the par-3, 136-yard No. 5 hole. He finished the day with an even-par 36 to earn medalist honors as the Lakers topped the field with a team score of 154.

Murray High finished second with a 164, while host Caldwell County came in third with a 173.

Rounding out the Calloway contingent was Josh Miller and sixth grader Matt McReynolds, who both carded a 39, and Daniel Harper, who notched a 40.

For the Tigers, Alex Wellinghurst and Jordan Smith each recorded a 38, while James Campbell and Zack Newsome both added a 44.

CCHS swings back into action on Thursday against Marshall County at Oaks Country Club. Murray will take the rest of the week off before returning to the course next Monday for a tri-match against Mayfield and Graves County at Mayfield Country Club.

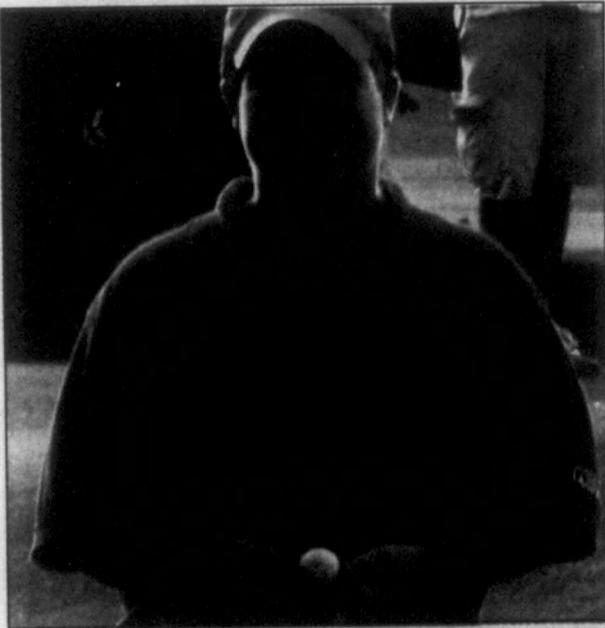


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Calloway County eighth grader Chasten Howard carded a hole in one during Monday's prep golf action at the Princeton Golf & Country Club. Howard earned medalist honors with an even-par 36 as the Lakers won the tri-match with a team score of 154.

PREP SOCCER

Calloway soccer sweeps Cardinals

LAKER SOCCER PROGRAMS POST BACK-TO-BACK WINS ON ROAD

Staff Report

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Senior Katlyn Smith scored four goals and recorded one assist as the Calloway County Lady Laker soccer team doubled up Mayfield 8-4 in prep action Monday night.

Beth Ross started the Calloway onslaught with an unassisted goal five minutes into the contest. Lauren Harlan followed with a goal off a deflection in the 24th minute.

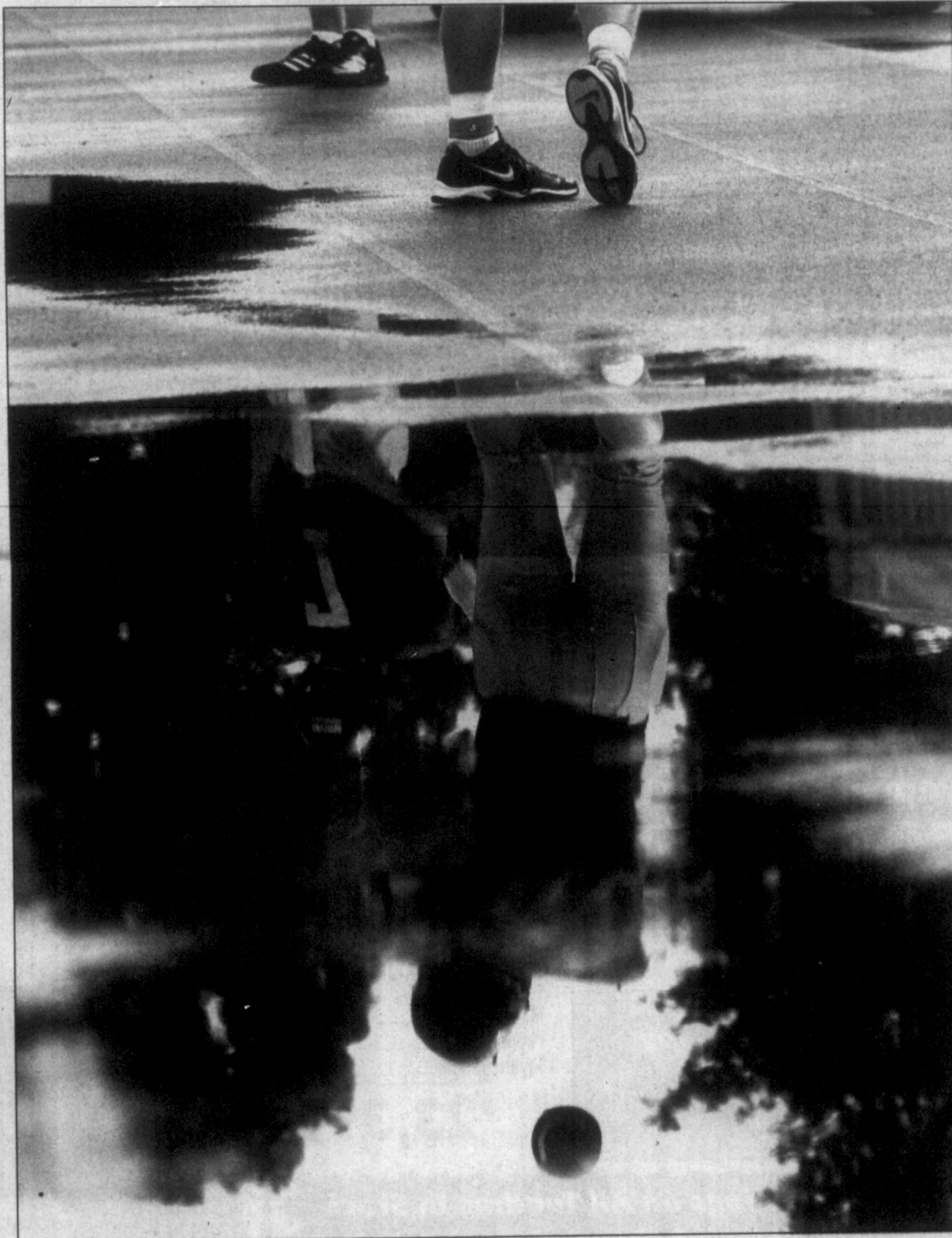
Smith put her first point on the board with a goal off an assist by Ross in the 26th minute, as the Lady Lakers grabbed a 3-0 advantage.

Harlan later got her second goal of the night off another Ross assist, and Haley White scored off a Smith assist before Smith punched in the final three CCHS goals of the night — the last coming off a White assist with four minutes left.

The Lady Lakers (2-1) recorded 14 shots on goal. Kelsie

■ See LAKERS, 2B

MSU PRESEASON PRACTICE



AP

Murray State University freshman quarterback Zac Barnard (7) prepares to receive a pass from junior quarterback Ryne Salyer Monday, as seen in this rain puddle, at Roy Stewart Stadium. An afternoon shower soaked Roy Stewart, cooling things off for the Racers, who conclude preseason practice Tuesday.

One Last Hurrah

MSU HOLDS FINAL TWO-A-DAYS MONDAY

By MSU Sports Information

The Murray State football team held its final two-a-day practice of preseason camp on Monday.

The intensity level is certainly not dropping off as the end of camp nears. During a drill in the morning session, several defensive linemen didn't just move the sled back with their attack, they knocked it completely over.

The morning practice began with rain falling on the practice field. After position drills and kickoff work, the team participated in a 6-on-7 pass skeleton. From the 10-yard line, freshman Zach Barnard completed a scoring pass to Eric Seals. Junior Ryne Salyer also had a

scoring toss, hitting fullback Zach Knight in the back of the end zone.

In 11-on-11 play, Salyer completed a 50-yard touchdown pass to DeAngelo Nelson. The early session ended with point-after and field goal work.

"It's been long, it's been hard, but it's been good for us," said senior running back Dante Woods. "This made us physically and mentally tougher, and we grew more together as a family. Two-a-days are never easy, but that's what it takes to win."

The afternoon practice lasted for less than an hour and a half. After working on kickoffs, the team went into 6-on-7 pass skeleton work. Salyer completed a

20-yard pass to Jonathan Eiland. Freshman Chris Franklin made a 45-yard completion.

In the 11-on-11 scrimmage, junior Koji Farrington intercepted a pass.

Salyer had two touchdown throws from the 10-yard line. The first went to freshman Charlie Jordan. The second scoring toss found Rod Harper in the corner.

"The freshmen have developed tremendously," Woods said. "Many have been thrown into key roles and have made immediate impacts."

Today's scheduled 3:05 p.m. practice will be the final session of preseason camp.

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Lakers From Page 1B Greer had two saves for Calloway, which returns to the field on Thursday night at Marshall County.

trict rival Cardinals. The Lakers (1-1) took a 1-0 lead into the locker room at halftime courtesy of Asher's goal.

PREP VOLLEYBALL Lady Tigers lose first match of season

Staff Report PADUCAH, Ky. — The Murray High School volleyball team dropped a two-set decision at Lone Oak High School on Monday night.



GOOD START: The Calloway County Middle School girls' softball team began its Fall 2006 season last week with a perfect 6-0 record.

DALLAS 30, NEW ORLEANS 7 Cowboys round up Saints on MNF

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Even without Terrell Owens, the Dallas Cowboys appear to have some receivers capable of making highlight-worthy touchdown catches.

There was Terry Glenn reaching around a defender's head for a one-handed grab. There was Sam Hurd pushing, then getting pulled as he hauled in another lob.

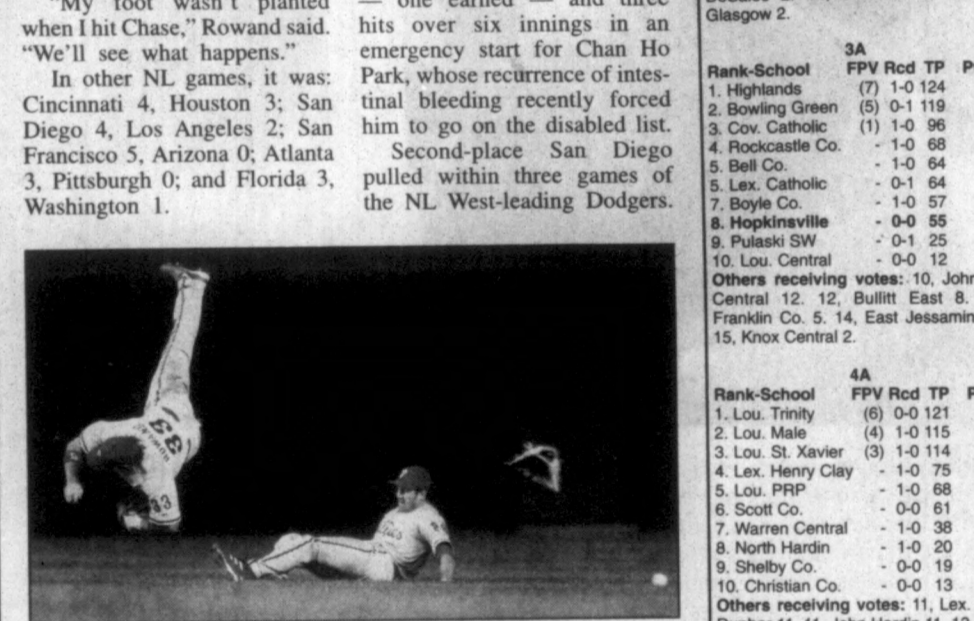
NL ROUNDUP Rowand gets jarring reception

By The Associated Press Aaron Rowand got a jarring reception in his return to Chicago — from his own teammate, too.

At Wrigley Field, the Phillies (62-62) gave up 16 hits, but won their third straight and moved back to .500 for the first time since June 19.

State Football Poll LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school football polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

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Phillies center fielder Aaron Rowand, left, and second baseman Chase Utley collide while chasing a fly ball hit by Chicago's John Mabry during the eighth inning Monday in Chicago.

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LookingBack

10 years ago Published are pictures of area tobacco farmers at the tour of the tobacco farm of Larry Tucker. The photos were by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane. Betty Lowry of Murray has been selected by Murray State University Golf Coach Women's Team to have a scholarship in her name at MSU. Mrs. Lowry said "I am delighted for my name to be on the scholarship. For the past 40 years, I have played golf and I hope this scholarship will further some woman's career."

Restaurant, Murray. Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Noles, July 24; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Duncan, Aug. 2; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas Rice, Aug. 4; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Atchley, Aug. 6; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Herndon, Aug. 11. 40 years ago The Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra presented the first of two concerts on Aug. 19 at Kenlake State Resort Park amphitheatre. The players represented 22 schools in central Kentucky. Presenting the program on "The Christian Women's Day" at a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Coles Camp Ground Methodist Church held at the church were Mrs. Raymond Wrather, Mrs. Lee Reeves, Mrs. J.L. Lassiter, Mrs. Fred Lovett and Mrs. Homer Fred Williams. 50 years ago Holmes Ellis of Murray has been named a vice president of the Kentucky Better Roads Council. Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keel, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hooks, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Tucker, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Brelsford, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Kings, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Osborne, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Lofton, a boy to Carl E. Krebs, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rickard and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Kimbro.

Caring for elderly relative involves more than money

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Perturbed in N. Carolina" (July 20) describing the living arrangements of her grandmother, who has chosen to live with her daughter. The arrangement she has for \$600 to \$700 a month, plus a few extra items, sounds like a steal to me. I have taken care of my grandmother ever since my mother's death 16 years ago. Even though my grandmother lives on her own, my wife and I are her means of transportation, health-care coordination, entertainment and emergency calls. This is not easy. If "Perturbed's" family is so concerned about Grandma's welfare, then why don't they offer Grandma a vacation at their home for two weeks? I bet the aunt would love to have some time alone with her husband and daughter, and it might give "Perturbed's" parents new insight. - BEEN THERE AND DOING IT DEAR BEEN THERE: It might, indeed. I must say that the response I received after printing that letter has been all over the map, and I plan to write two days' worth. I told "Perturbed" that I didn't think this was a family mat-



Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

Doctors without emotional borders

DEAR DR. GOTT: What do you think about a family physician who has no emotional restraint? For example, if he has a grudge against another local physician, he won't cooperate with him, even though he's part of a team of physicians committed to patients' care. If he's having a bad day, he'll go into a tirade and start lecturing a caregiver, only to apologize later, and his records are full of compliments about this caregiver that are never communicated. His care of the patient is flawless and proactive, and we hate to fire him, but his lack of emotional control is tremendously concerning. Do physicians have personality disorders like oppositional defiance or temper tantrums? Are physicians required to have continuing education and therapy, because it seems like this is a classic example of a talented individual gone over the edge. DEAR READER: Doctors, being human, suffer the same medical disorders and emotional problems that patients do. However, when such behavior interferes with patient comfort and care, the situation must be addressed. If your family physician's behavior is unprofessional and he is a member of a medical group, you should share your concerns with another doctor



Dr. Gott By Dr. Peter Gott

in the group. If, on the other hand, your physician is in solo practice, the situation is more complicated. I am assuming that you are not a psychiatrist; therefore, your options are limited. No doctor relishes receiving unsolicited advice from a nonprofessional about an attitude adjustment. Yet this might be what your doctor needs. First of all, do not discuss your concerns with him when he is in a foul mood. Wait until he is emotionally neutral, such as at the beginning of an office call, and approach the problem by saying: "I am not a psychiatrist. However, you appear to have some tension (stress, fearfulness, dissatisfaction) that concerns me. While I trust your medical judgment and admire your knowledge, your oppositional behavior is affecting me and, I suppose, your other patients as well. How can we resolve this problem?" If the doctor meets the challenge and agrees to seek out professional help, good for you. If, on the other hand, he takes umbrage at your suggestion and progresses into a tantrum, leave the office and telephone the county medical society to lodge a complaint. Your complaint may be one of dozens filed against him that sooner or later may force him to get help. In any case, your action could be his first step in dealing with a serious problem that other people have been reluctant to acknowledge. Let me know how this plays out. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing A Physician."

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2006. There are 131 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses. On this date: In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress. In 1846, the United States annexed the Territory of New Mexico. In 1851, the schooner Aurora off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup. In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco. In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to Latin America. In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airtours charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England. In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

My husband and I have lost our privacy and freedom, and must arrange our activities around her needs. She refuses to give us a break, such as an occasional respite weekend at an assisted-living facility. I'd like to take her to a senior center one afternoon or two a week. She refuses to do this, too. My point is: If financial compensation helps to ease the physical and mental stress in so be it! - STRESSED OUT IN THE MIDWEST DEAR ABBY: We live in a multigenerational household with my 89-year-old grandmother, who also pays rent and is extremely happy to do so. She says it makes her feel more like a contributing member of the household. She doesn't like being dependent on others. We provide all her transportation, prepare her meals, and we all eat together every evening. This kind of living arrangement is complex, and a lot of people can't handle it. Cohabitation is about much more than money alone. Perhaps that grandma knows that money can't buy happiness, and living in a happy household is worth the money. -- ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY IN OAKLAND, FLA.

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