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## More charges coming in shelter case

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After nearly two months of legal battles centered around illegal euthanasia practices at the McCracken County Humane Society, the two workers at the center of the investigation will face

new charges. Assistant County Attorney Todd Jones said the county has filed both new and amended charges against defendants Beau Anderson and DaLena Hall. Jones said the charges stem from items retrieved in a February

search of the shelter property. A search warrant filed Feb. 17 shows officials with the McCracken County sheriff's department searched the shelter and seized various documents "kept or maintained by employees of the humane society." Those records

included the shelter's monthly count sheets, medication orders and 2011 euthanizing records, among other things. Jones did not detail the new charges, but said the information will be made public in the coming days.

Jeremy Ian Smith, lawyer for Hall, and Anderson's lawyer Kevin Olsen filed motions with the court to dismiss the original charges against both defendants or petitioning the court to at least have them

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## Palmer gets 10 years in assault on toddler

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A Clarksville, Tenn., woman who police said struck her toddler on the head and left him lying on Interstate 24 was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison. Cynthia Palmer, 30, received the sentence for first-degree assault, according to Marshall County Circuit Court Clerk Carla Marshall.

Palmer also was sentenced to five years for first-degree wanton endangerment, 90 days for public intoxication of controlled substance excluding alcohol, 12 months for possession of drug paraphernalia and 15 days for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Those will be served concurrently with the 10-year sentence.

A sixth charge of second-degree wanton endangerment was dismissed. Palmer offered a guilty plea before Marshall Circuit Judge Dennis Foust on Feb. 20 in exchange for the 10-year sentence. Jamie Jameson, Palmer's attorney, said Palmer will serve 85 percent of her sentence — 8½ years — before being eligible for parole.

Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blanton

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Palmer

## Paducah preparing dome for third year

**BY MALLORY PANUSKA**  
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With the annual quilt show around the corner, Paducah officials are preparing to set up the large white dome-shaped pavilion next to the convention and expo centers to serve as supplementary space for the event.

Mark Thompson, director of parks services, said the city has annually paid \$10,000 to \$12,000 to set up the 40,000 square-foot pavilion for the past two years. This will be its third year in operation, and Thompson said officials plan to erect it by the end of the month.

The city purchased the dome after the Executive Inn, which was located next to the Julian M. Carroll Convention and Paducah Expo centers, closed in 2009. The convention and expo centers have been the site of the annual American Quilter's Society Quilt Show and Contest for the past 27 years, with the exception of last year when high river levels and flooding forced the city to close the floodwall and prohibit access.

Thompson said the dome was still used, however, as it is located inside the floodwall.

"It was used extensively last year," he said.

Bonnie Browning, executive show director, said the pavilion houses both vendors and quilt exhibits during the quilt show, which is set for April 25-28. She said AQS pays the city a rental fee and the vendors pay for spots inside the space. Vendors set up roughly 75 to 80 booths within the pavilion, Browning said, and quilts are on display in front of a black drape. Before the hotel closed, AQS used rooms inside to host



Sun files

Crew members break down a portion of the riverfront pavilion near the Julian Carroll Convention Center in August in Paducah. The city is expected to set up the 40,000 square-foot dome by the end of the month.

vendors and exhibits.

Browning said AQS contracts with the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corp. to rent the dome. Thompson said the CCC handles all rental contracts.

The city is permitted to keep the dome up for as long as six

months, Thompson said. He said other events are booked there throughout the spring and summer, including roller derby, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other public events. He said there have even been people who wanted to hold weddings in it. The city has kept

the pavilion up for as long as there has been a demand for it during the past two years, Thompson said, and anticipates the same thing this year.

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Rep. Fred Nesler (left) stands with Agriculture Commissioner James Comer and members of the Graves County Public Schools National FFA Foundation club and 4-H on Monday at Graves County High School. Nesler and Comer traveled to Graves County to promote the farm license plate program.

"Farmers will support ... the Kentucky Proud program if they're confident where their money is being spent."

**James Comer**  
Kentucky agriculture commission

## Comer presents farm license plate program

**BY REBECCA FELDHAUS**  
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As one of the five largest agricultural counties in Kentucky, Graves County was one of Agriculture Commissioner James Comer's initial stops in his first eight weeks in office.

Comer stopped by Graves County High School, among other destinations, while he toured the county Monday. Comer talk-

ed to representatives from the school system's 4-H group and National FFA Foundation students about potential revenue for their clubs. Drivers who choose to get specialized farm license plates during license and registration renewal will be donating to FFA, 4-H and Kentucky Proud. The \$10 per person price is divided between the three organizations and sent back to the coun-

ties where it originated. All three groups harness the power of young people in agriculture, Comer said. Many of the farmers and artisans who sell their products through the Kentucky Proud program have participated in 4-H or FFA in their adolescence, he said. It's a logical group to support through the li-

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### Today

**Indoor Charity Yard Sale**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ledbetter Methodist Fellowship Building. Information: 928-2827.

**AARP and the IRS will offer free tax service to low- to moderate-income individuals**, with special attention to those age 60 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jackson House, 301 S. Ninth St. Walk-ins welcome.

**Paducah Lions Club**, lunch, noon, Broadway United Methodist Church, 701 Broadway, 443-3122.

**Mayfield Lions Club**, noon, Rita's Cafe, 101 N Seventh Street, Mayfield.

**VA Clinic**, 12:30-3:30 p.m., 1253 Paris Road, Mayfield. Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing benefits. By appointment, walk-ins as time allows. 247-2455.

**AARP and the IRS will offer free tax service to low- to moderate-income individuals**, with special attention to those age 60 and older, 4 to 7 p.m., Concord United Methodist Church, 5178 Hinkleville Road. Call 443-2669 for appointment.

**"Plant Propagation" with Heather Blankenship**, 5 p.m., MSU Greenhouse.

**Concord Lions Club**, 6:30 p.m., Concord Fire Station.

**Paducah Singles Connection**, 6:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Eighth and Broadway. 556-0625 or 443-0595.

**Compassionate Friends of Western Kentucky**, 7 p.m., St. John Catholic Church cafeteria, 6705 Old U.S. 45S.

**Right to Life, Purchase Area**, 7 p.m., Lourdes hospital, heart cath waiting room. 744-9211.

### Wednesday

**Lone Oak Kiwanis**, 7 a.m., Parker's Drive-In. 217-0402.

**Indoor Charity Yard Sale**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ledbetter Methodist Fellowship Building. Information: 928-2827.

**Disabled American Veterans, Miles Meredith Chapter 7 of Paducah**, weekly Commander Coffee Call, 9 a.m. to noon. Service officer available.

**AARP and the IRS will offer free tax service to low- to moderate-income individuals**, with special attention to those age 60 and older, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., McCracken County Library, 555 Washington St.

**Hearts 4 Babies**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lone Oak First Baptist Church, 3601 Lone Oak Road. 443-2669.

**VA Clinic**, 12:30-3:30 p.m., 1253 Paris Road, Mayfield. Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing benefits. By appointment, walk-ins as time allows. 247-2455.

**FATHERS, Fathers Asking To Have Equal Rights**, 6:30 p.m., second floor, McCracken County Public Library. 800-472-3741.

**Great Rivers Group, Sierra Club**, 7 p.m., Room 1119, Biology Building, Murray State University Campus.

### Blood Drive

7 a.m. to noon **Wednesday**, Lourdes hospital, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah.



Ken Ham, founder of the Creation Museum in northern Kentucky, speaks to a packed house on Monday at Heartland Baptist Church.

## Creationist talks to Heartland crowd

BY CORIANNE EGAN  
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Courtney Stokes and her class at Southside Baptist Church drove an hour from Princeton to hear Ken Ham speak at Heartland Baptist Church. After learning about Ham and hearing his teaching, she was all too eager to hear him live.

"We have done Bible studies involving him in the past," Stokes said. "I can't wait to hear what he has to say. It's pretty cool that he came all the way here, and we get the chance to be in the audience."

Ham was the featured speaker at Heartland Worship Center on Monday, which capped off a weekend engagement that included five talks centered around the theory of creationism, thanks to Mid-Continent University.

"Most people don't understand the idea," Ham said. "They think it is the Bible versus science, and it's not. We love science. I was trained to be



Ken Ham was a guest speaker brought in by Mid-Continent University, and he gave several talks over the weekend before his final discussion at Heartland Baptist Church in Paducah on Monday.

a science teacher in Australia. This is about what happened in the past, when we weren't there."

Ham speaks all over the world, has published multiple books

and informational DVDs, and is the founder of northern Kentucky's Creation Museum. His talk Monday evening — which more than 400 people attended — centered on defending one's

religion in today's world. Ham also talked about the definition and limitations of science.

"We knew about his work," said Mary Ann Snow, in the audience Monday. "But being able to see him here, in Paducah, without having to travel or watch on TV is a blessing. My son went on Sunday and came home raving about the talk, so our interest was piqued, and here we are."

Mid-Continent president Dr. Robert Imhoff also attended, only hours after handing Ham an honorary doctorate from the college in Humane Letters. Imhoff said bringing Ham to the area was an invaluable experience.

"There is so much misinformation out there," Imhoff said. "It's worthy of a discussion, and our students and the community got to be part of that discussion and learn from it."

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## Police: Parents' knowledge keeps children safe

BY REBECCA FELDHAUS  
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Tips on the man who attempted to abduct a teenage girl from a playground Sunday are keeping Paducah Police busy.

Capt. Brian Krueger said patrol officers and investigators have gotten more details on a man who tried to take a girl from the Morgan Elementary School playground Sunday around 6 p.m. The girl described the man as a heavy set white man in his 30s or 40s

driving a white pickup truck.

The girl told police she was sitting at the playground when the man approached her with a knife and told her to get in his truck, "or else." She ran home and told an adult what happened. The girl said the man tried to follow her as she ran home, but she escaped. She said the same man previously attempted to get her and other girls in his truck.

As of late Monday afternoon, police were working to make a

composite drawing of the man based on the girl's descriptions. Krueger said the department would likely release the image Tuesday. Krueger said the girl was smart to resist. He recommended those who find themselves in the same situation to scream and try to get away. If a victim can get attention from people in the area, they are more likely to get away safely, he said.

Parents can help with abduction prevention. When parents talk to their children about

appropriate and not appropriate touching and not talking to strangers, their children are better prepared in dangerous situations, Krueger said. He suggested that parents know the people their children are with, where they are and the situations they're around.

Police encourage anyone with information about the man to call the department with details.

Call Rebecca Feldhaus, a Sun staff writer, at 270-575-8651.

## State police accepting supplies to aid storm victims

Sun staff report

The Kentucky State Police is accepted items to aid communities in the state hit hard by Friday's massive storms.

State police posts will be dropoff sites. Items will be evenly distributed to all affected communities. Collection of items will start Tuesday and will continue

through Sunday. Monetary donations are not encouraged through the state police. Anyone who wishes to contribute money should contact an organization such as the Red Cross.

Items on the list: leather gloves, shovels, rakes, insulated beverage containers, batteries, flashlights, coffee pots, antibiotic

cream, Band-aids, first aid kits, soap, body wash, bottled hand soap/hand sanitizer, deodorant, feminine products, shampoo/cream rinse, shaving cream/razors, toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels/washcloths, baby formula, baby food, baby diapers (all sizes); baby blankets, bottles, toilet paper, styrofoam cups,

cleaning supplies such as bleach, mops, brooms, buckets, laundry detergent, plastic cups/cutlery, paper goods such as plates, napkins, towels, bowls, disposal gloves (rubber or latex), trash bags (all sizes), cat and dog food, plastic containers, blankets, gift cards, bottled water, nonperishable food items.

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Dakota Keeton, 3, rests on a temporary bed at Morgan Central Elementary School on Monday in West Liberty. Forecasters said the tornado that hit West Liberty on Friday was on the ground for about 60 continuous miles in eastern Kentucky.

# Kentucky storm death toll rises

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE— A tornado that tore through West Liberty last week hovered along the ground for about 60 miles in eastern Kentucky, showing staying power while cutting swaths of damage spanning several counties, a meteorologist said Monday.

Kentucky's death toll from Friday's wave of storms rose to 22 with another fatality in Kenton County in the state's northernmost region.

Snow added to the misery of people cleaning up in West Liberty, where the tornado demolished the downtown and neighborhoods. Nearly a half-foot of snow fell overnight, and utility workers were bundled as they restrung power lines and put up new poles.

Linda Oakley was ready to start over as she looked at the remnants of the flower shop where she worked in downtown West Liberty.

"The buildings are gone, but the town is still here," she said. "We're a close-knit community. We're going to come back."

Oakley's boss had already decided to find some place to reopen temporarily until deciding on a permanent location. Just being able to buy flowers would bring back a bit of normalcy, Oakley said.

The town was pounded by an EF-3 tornado packing winds up to 140 mph. Homes were splintered and businesses crumbled.

The tornado track spanned parts of four Kentucky counties — Menifee, Morgan, Johnson and Lawrence, said National Weather Service meteorologist Tony Edwards in Jackson. Damage spread up to a mile wide at times.

For the eastern Kentucky region, "you're talking pretty much an unprecedented track length," he said.

The storm eventually crossed into West Virginia,

he said. The tornado was the strongest to hit eastern Kentucky in nearly a quarter century, Edwards said.

Meanwhile, another tornado that took a more southern path was on the ground for nearly 50 continuous miles in eastern Kentucky, he said. It first touched down in Wolfe County, then ripped through parts of Magoffin, Johnson and Martin counties. It barely strayed into West Virginia before going airborne, he said.

By contrast, a deadly tornado in Laurel County in southeastern Kentucky was on the ground for about six miles.

Records show that on average, EF-3 tornadoes remain on the ground for nearly seven continuous miles, said Steve Corfidi, a lead forecaster with the

weather service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

Last week's tornado that slammed into Martin County damaged homes in an area that was in the path of a massive coal slurry spill in 2000 that oozed some 300 million gallons of the muck into yards and streams for miles.

It was considered one of the South's worst environmental disasters at the time. Slurry is a byproduct of purifying coal.

More than 300 injuries were reported statewide.

## Local Briefs

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### Public tips sought in vehicle vandalism

The McCracken County sheriff's department seeks information into a series of vehicle vandalisms over the weekend in the Reidland area.

From Friday night until early Monday, at least 10 vehicles were damaged, said Chief Deputy Mike Turnbow in a news release. Damage ranged from a single broken window to windshields broken out with what appeared to be a baseball bat.

Only one vehicle had property stolen and that item was a commercial drill and attachments.

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's department at 270-444-4719 or Crimestoppers at 443-TELL (8355). The tipster may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

### Easter Egg Dash planned March 27

The annual Easter Egg Dash, sponsored by the Paducah Parks Department, will be March 27 at Stuart Nelson Park. The rainout date is March 29.

The event is for children age 10 and younger. Registration begins at 5 p.m. with the first dash at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge. Registration also is available online at www.paducahky.gov or at the Parks Services office.

The object is for children to gather as many eggs as possible in a certain time period. Dashes will be by age groups. About 13,000 candy-filled eggs will be spread across the ballfields. Age groups up to 2 years, 3-4 years, 5-7 years, and 8-10 years. Age groups will dash in 15-minute increments beginning with the youngest at 5:30 p.m. Three prize eggs will be hidden on each field.

FNB Bank and Daymar College are sponsors. More information: Recreation Specialist Micah Walker at Parks Services at 444-8508.

## Agenda

The Agenda is a listing of government meetings today.

- Cadiz City Council — 6 p.m., City Hall.
- Carlisle Fiscal Court — 9:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Marshall Fiscal Court — 9:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Paducah City Commission — 5:30 p.m., City Hall commission chambers.
- Paducah Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency — 4 p.m., meeting, Ante Room, City Commission Chambers, City Hall.
- Wickliffe City Council — 9 a.m., City Hall.

### Monday's lottery Kentucky

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- Pick 4-evening:** 8-6-2-0
- Cash Ball:** 2-6-8-9 **CB 20**
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- Pick 3-evening:** 7-7-9
- Pick 4-midday:** 0-6-8-3
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## Editorial

# RESCUE?

## Animal rights extremists have a dirty little secret

PETA loves animals to death. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals got its paw caught in a trap, so to speak, with a devastating report on the organization's wholesale slaughter of dogs and cats at the "shelter" it keeps at its Norfolk, Va., headquarters.

The radical animal rights group doesn't practice what it preaches. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspected PETA's shelter and found it "does not contain sufficient animal enclosures to routinely house the number of animals annually reported as taken in custody."

PETA doesn't need more enclosures for the more than 2,000 dogs and cats it takes in every year because PETA kills most of the animals as soon as it rescues them. State inspectors found that PETA killed 1,965 animals in 2011, while placing just 24 in homes and moving 34 to other shelters.

The department found that PETA destroyed 84 percent of the animals within 24 hours of taking them in. The organization killed more than 90 percent of the cats and dogs it took in between 2005 and 2011. PETA workers have destroyed more than 27,000 animals at the shelter since 1998.

A PETA "rescue" is nothing more than a death sentence.

Because Virginia regulations require animal shelters to keep stray animals alive for at least five days so their owners have time to reclaim them, the department attempted to force PETA to change its status from shelter to euthanasia clinic. But PETA claimed that most of the animals it receives are "society's rejects" and "unadoptable." Because the group does find homes for a handful, it is able to keep its status as a shelter, which provides a public

relations benefit and keeps the donations pouring in.

But if a dog or cat is not cute enough for immediate adoption, it's not worth saving. PETA's \$37 million budget just doesn't cover more than a day's worth of dog chow for each animal.

The non-profit Center for Consumer Freedom exposed the hypocrisy, noting that PETA does not abide by its own published guidelines for animal shelters. A spokesman for the center said, "It's about time PETA's shelter is classified as a slaughterhouse." PETA responded that the center receives support from restaurants and food companies that "kill millions of animals every year."

In a USA Today report, PETA called the Center for Consumer Freedom "animal exploiters." The term "exploiters" is an odd word choice for the organization that is under fire from women's groups for its ad campaigns that objectify women

and make light of domestic violence.

One billboard features a nearly nude Pamela Anderson with her body marked up to show various cuts of meat. Another video ad campaign shows bruised and battered women, some wearing neck braces, promoting the idea that men who stop eating meat increase their sexual prowess.

PETA defended the ads, calling them "playful." Actual battered women don't find the ads amusing.

And this is the organization that kills dogs and cats by the tens of thousands while condemning your right to wear a leather belt or eat a chicken sandwich.

These extremists are so convinced of their own virtue that they are blind to their hypocrisy. But it's obvious to anyone on the outside looking in.

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## Limbaugh's rant undercut real issue

WASHINGTON — Who'd have thought that Rush Limbaugh would become the great uniter in this divisive political season?

Indeed, he has united decent people of all stripes and persuasions with his vile remarks about a Georgetown law student.

Perhaps by now you've heard of Sandra Fluke, who created a smallish tempest when she tried to testify before a congressional committee considering the federal Health and Human Services contraception mandate and was denied a place at the (all-male) table. There really was no reason for her to testify. The subject was religious freedom versus government overreach, not contraception per se, but this detail no longer seems to matter.

Fluke stalked out of the hearing room and has enjoyed the media spotlight ever since. She did finally get to testify at an unofficial hearing convened by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, during which she focused on Republican "censorship," which, fascinating as it sounds, was a sidebar to a non sequitur.

You may be excused for being confused and/or bored by all this talk of contraceptives. Having access to contraception hasn't been controversial except in the Catholic Church for some time and wouldn't be now if not for the new mandate that nearly every employer offer insurance to pay for it.

The only question — ever — has been whether the federal government can force religious organizations to pay for something that violates their freedom of conscience. For the record, if I were dictator, I'd put contraceptives in the drinking water on college campuses. But the Catholic Church and other religious entities do not share my view



Kathleen Parker

and our laws have always tried to allow generous exceptions to rules that conflict with moral principle.

The question of whether the Obama administration is acting constitutionally has been posed to the courts by religious-liberty scholars (and seven state attorneys general), so we'll have an answer soon enough. In the meantime, the administration has promised to "accommodate" religious groups so that only insurance companies have to pay for women's contraception.

Whether this is an adequate remedy is also debatable. Can the government really force private insurance companies to cover certain medications and/or procedures? What if religious organizations are self-insuring, as is the case with many Catholic organizations? And isn't this just an accounting sleight of hand, because in the end the religious entity would be paying for the morally offensive product?

These are clearly compelling questions on which Limbaugh might have focused his gargantuan energies. Instead, he attacked Fluke in the vilest terms. Moreover, by addressing her argument that college women need contraception and should be able to get it for free, he essentially lent credence to the opposition narrative that this is all about birth control.

Inadvertently, Rush also helped advance the argument from the left that Republicans are waging a war against

women. After referring to Fluke as a "slut" and a "prostitute," he offered the following proposition:

"So Miss Fluke, and the rest of you feminazis, here's the deal. If we are going to pay for your contraceptives ... we want something for it. We want you to post the videos online so we can all watch."

The image suggested is equally degrading to Limbaugh given his obvious familiarity with "watching," and invites unflattering speculation. To wit: It is entirely possible that Limbaugh himself never needed contraception in college, but virtue in the absence of opportunity is hardly a moral triumph.

I am not convinced by Fluke's premise that her need for contraception is anyone else's responsibility. There is perhaps some logic in subsidizing contraception for the poor, which the government already does through Title X, to reduce abortions and prevent the conception of children, who, owing to a parent's inability to care for said progeny, might become wards of the state. This, again, is a sidebar tangential to the key question.

The point is that Limbaugh has so offended with his remarks that he has further muddled the issues. I realize he's "just an entertainer," as his apologists insist, but he is also considered a leading and powerful conservative voice. By his remarks, he has marginalized legitimate arguments and provided a trove of ammunition to those seeking to demonize Republicans who, along with at least some of their Democratic colleagues, are legitimately concerned with religious liberty.

As a bonus, he has given his "feminazis" justification for their claims that conservatives hate women.

## Letters

### Politicians resemble cartoon characters

#### EDITOR:

The candidates running for president remind me of several cartoon characters from years gone by.

The first one is President Obama, who acts like Mr. Quincy Magoo, a wealthy, short-stature politician, who by his shortsightedness and stubborn refusal to admit that he could be wrong, is killing the economy and any hope of a recovery to benefit the taxpayers.

The second candidate who comes to mind is Mitt Romney, who acts like Huckleberry Hound, a politician who is relaxed, sweet and well-intentioned, but everything he does ends up with results that backfire.

The third person is Newt Gingrich, who acts like Popeye the sailor man; all he does is beat up on the media when they report his inconsistent stand on issues.

The fourth candidate is Rick Santorum, who acts like Dudley Do-Right, a dim-witted but conscientious and cheerful senator who more often succeeds by pure luck than anything else.

The fifth person is Ron Paul, who acts like Deputy Dog, a sweet southern senator who wears the title of U.S. senator like a badge on his chest. He has to protect his voters from them "varmint" who are Mitch, John and

Nancy.

The sixth and seventh politicians who come up are Mitch McConnell and John Boehner, who act like they are Bo and Luke Duke from the "Dukes of Hazard." They are good old boys who wouldn't change if they could, fighting for the rich like modern-day Robin Hoods.

The last but not least personalities is the whole Congress, who behave much like the "Muppet Show." A reporter is quoted as saying, "Why do we always come here? I guess we will never know? It's kinda like a torture to have to watch the show."

You can see that the current leadership in Washington seems to behave more to the antics of the Keystone Cops than rational thinking persons who care about John Q. Citizen.

WILLIAM ARNOLD  
Paducah

### Donations made headstone for Teresa Bolden possible

#### EDITOR:

The headstone for Teresa Bolden was placed recently. I thank the many people whose donation has made this possible. Special thanks to Ohio Valley Monument Company for donating their time and ability to design, etch and place the stone. If you knew Teresa, you will understand.

BILL TANNER  
West Paducah

## Region Briefs

Associated Press

### Retirees may lose cost-of-living increases

FRANKFORT — State and county government retirees would forgo cost-of-living pension increases over the next two years under a budget proposal that could get a vote on the House floor by midweek.

The retirees had been slated to receive 1.5 percent increases each year in their monthly pension payments. But House lawmakers, faced with tight finances, are recommending the increases be suspended.

House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Rick Rand said that's just one of the tough decisions lawmakers have had to make to balance the state's proposed two-year, \$19.5 billion budget.

Rand said he expects his committee to vote on the General Fund budget on Tuesday. A House floor vote could come as soon as Wednesday.

### Suspect caught in Clarksville shooting

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Police in Clarksville say a 23-year-old Fort Campbell soldier was found shot to death in a bathtub and her boyfriend, also a soldier, was arrested in North Carolina.

A news release from police spokesman Jim Knoll said Sharda Wright was found in a bathtub at an apartment Saturday morning.

A witness told police that Wright was seen trying to get away from her boyfriend, later identified as 21-year-old Nicholas Rico Durant, who was pointing a gun at her shortly after midnight Friday. An eyewitness ran to get help and then heard several gunshots.

### Cape deer committee to make decision

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — A committee looking into ways to address Cape Girardeau's burgeoning deer population is set to decide on its recommendation Tuesday.

One option is letting trained bow hunters kill deer within city limits after getting permission from property owners. That discussion prompted two resignations from the city-appointed Deer Management Committee and sparked formation of an opposition group.

Proponents of an urban deer hunt say it would reduce traffic accidents and keep hungry deer from destroying lawns.

The opposition group says killing deer is neither the most humane option nor the safest.

Committee members want to present their recommendation at the Cape Girardeau City Council's March 19 meeting.

# Airlines expand overhead space

BY JOSHUA FREED

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Fliers can stop sharpening their elbows. Overhead bins are getting bigger.

Packed planes and a high volume of carry-ons are forcing airlines to expand the space above passenger's heads. United and Delta are the latest airlines to replace or upgrade bins so they hold more luggage. And engineers at Boeing are designing jet interiors with today's bulkier luggage in mind.

It's a chance to placate passengers who feel like they're thrown into a roller derby every time they board a plane. Because of fees on checked bags, more passengers are bringing carry-ons, which are growing in size. And with planes more crowded than ever, bins fill up before everyone has reached their seat. Travelers fight physics and one another to shove one more bag overhead. Or they're forced to check luggage at the gate.

The result is upset travelers, harried flight attendants and delays.

The percentage of passengers bringing bags on board has hovered around 87 percent in recent years, United Continental says. And "the size of the carry-on has increased ... They are stretching the limits of their bags," says Scott O'Leary, managing director of customer solutions at United Continental Holdings Inc.

Expanding bins is a smart way for airlines to set themselves apart, says Henry Harteveltdt, who leads airline and travel analysis at Atmosphere



Workers install larger bins for carry-on luggage on a Boeing 737 in Tulsa, Okla.

## A look at bigger bins on US airlines

■ United Continental Holdings Inc. is putting bigger doors on the bins of all 152 of its Airbus A320-family aircraft.

■ Delta Air Lines Inc. is putting new overhead bins on more than 75 of its Boeing 767s that it flies internationally. It says the new bins will hold 26 more standard roll-on bags than the old ones.

■ American Airlines' new 737s will hold 48 more bags. It is also putting bigger bins on its older 737s. In 2010 it began retrofitting more than half its 124 Boeing 757s, including all of those that fly internationally.

■ US Airways Group Inc. enlarged the bins on its Boeing 757s in 2008.

Research Group, a market research firm. "Especially if they cater to the business traveler, they're hoping it will give them a small but noticeable competitive advantage."

Business travelers, for example, avoid an airline that doesn't have room for

their carry-ons.

At first blush, it might seem like airlines risk giving away fees if more people can fit carry-ons on board. But they're not risking much as it turns out.

Airlines often waive bag fees when luggage can't fit overhead and must be

checked at the gate. And business travelers, who generate most of the industry's revenue, are often exempt from baggage fees anyway.

But will bigger bins encourage fliers to bring larger bags? Airlines hope not, and are trying to crack down before luggage makes it into the cabin.

Tim Kirkwood, a flight attendant for 35 years, remembers overhead bins that were basically open shelves for coats and hats. Now, leisure travelers trying to avoid a bag fee will bring as much as they can into the cabin.

"A bigger bin is good because at least more stuff will fit up there," says Kirkwood, who asked that his airline not be identified. "But it just seems to encourage them to bring more stuff."

# 'Miracle boy' who survived tornado four years ago growing up

BY JOE EDWARDS

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A 5-year-old Tennessee boy, thrown into a muddy field during a tornado four years ago that killed his mother, likes to go outside and



Kyson

watch the wind when the weather threatens.

"He's a darling little boy," says Kay Stowell, his grandmother, who helps care for him.

Kyson Stowell-Noble, then just 1 year old, received worldwide attention in 2008 after rescuers found him

face-down and motionless in a rural field about 100 yards from the body of his mother, Kay Stowell's daughter. He needed just two days of hospital treatment, and since then has grown into an energetic little boy who shoots BB guns, rides four-wheelers and hunts for arrowheads with his father.

And he's not scared of tornadoes. Last Friday

during severe weather in Tennessee, "He put on his clothes and went outside to see what was going on," his grandmother said in a telephone interview Monday.

Firefighters had found the blond-haired, blue-eyed boy on Feb. 5, 2008. He was discovered in a field strewn with splintered lumber, couches and toys after a string of tornadoes killed

59 people and splintered homes and businesses in five Southern states. Winds in the area had reached 165 mph, making his survival even more incredible.

"It makes me think I'm fortunate that my grandson survived," she said. "All I can do is pray for that family. They'll never get over it, but things ease up a little."

Kyson celebrated his

fifth birthday Feb. 16 with a bowling party. Other times, "He likes to play in the leaves and be outdoors. He's a pretty happy little boy," his grandmother said.

Cory Noble, his father, did not live with the boy when the 2008 tornado hit. He was laid off shortly after that for about six months, but has since found work at a tobacco warehouse.

Kyson, who has no brothers or sisters, goes to preschool and then stays with his grandmother until his father gets home from work.

Kyson uses the word "tornado" and warns others at the appropriate time.

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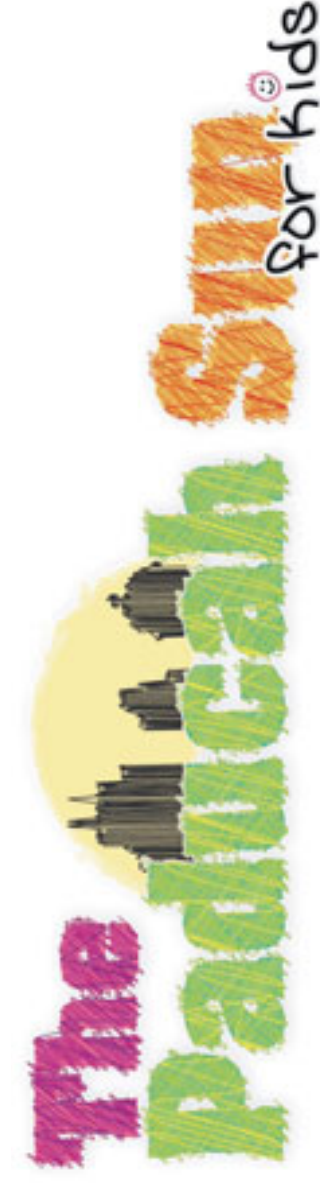
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# Joke-O-The-Day

Q: What did they wear at the Boston Tea Party?

A: T-Shirts!



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## State braves worst tornadoes in 24 years

Staff & AP reports

It was a storm week for the South and Midwest, with tornadoes hitting parts of Missouri and Harrisburg, Ill., early Wednesday morning, and more tornadoes striking Kentucky on Friday.

In western Kentucky on Wednesday, an EF2 tornado with maximum speeds of 120 mph carved a 26.5-mile long path through Ballard and west McCracken counties, as well as Massac and Pulaski counties in Illinois.

The tornado crossed the Ohio River in its path. In all, the tornado injured four people and destroyed four mobile homes, as well as damage to barns and outbuildings, as well as minor damage to other homes.

Harrisburg was devastated, with six people dying in the storm and around 100 people injured.

Friday's storms left western Kentucky with little damage, but the eastern part of Kentucky was hardest hit. At least four tornadoes, three with wind speeds up to 160 mph, destroyed small rural towns, killing 19 people. The storms also hit small towns in southern Indiana like Henryville where a high school was destroyed and the roof was ripped off a middle school. School buses were reported to be protruding from buildings. The storm system also created damage in Tennessee and Alabama.

With more severe weather expected throughout the spring, discuss emergency planning with your family and ways you can stay safe in severe weather.

### Empty Bowls project raises \$21,200

The Empty Bowls Project, a fundraiser taking handmade, hand-painted clay bowls and selling them full of soup to help benefit a local charity, surpassed its fundraising goal of \$20,000. Organizer Michael Terra said the event, held Feb. 25, raised \$21,200 to benefit the Community



Associated Press  
An employee of Henryville High School examines what remains of the building following severe storms Friday in Henryville, Ind. Tornadoes ripped across several small southern Indiana towns on Friday.

Kitchen.

### Teen of the Week

Shain Ross is the Mid-Continent University Teen of the Week. Ross, a senior at Mayfield High School, is a member of the state champion Mayfield football team, making it to the state finals in Class A football three years in his career.

Ross maintains a 4.0 GPA and juggles part time jobs. He plans on attending college at the University of Louisville to study chemical engineering to eventually become a pharmacist.

In May, a Teen of the Year will be chosen from the weekly winners who will receive a four-year scholarship to Mid-Continent or a \$2,500 scholarship if the winner chooses another school.



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# Hooked on Science

What happens when you mix baking soda and vinegar inside of Ziploc bag? "Science Guy" Jason Lindsey with Hooked on Science says, you get a chemical reaction that creates an explosion. Make sure an adult is present to supervise.

## INGREDIENTS

- Baking soda
- Vinegar
- Paper towel
- Plastic zippered bag

## INSTRUCTIONS

- STEP 1: Tear a paper towel into 4 equal pieces. Using one of the pieces, pour 2 tablespoons of baking soda into the center of the paper towel square. Fold the square into a smaller square so the baking soda is inside.
- STEP 2: Fill the plastic zippered bag 1/4th of the way with vinegar.
- STEP 3: Drop the paper towel square into the plastic bag. Hold the bag over a trash can, close it and observe.

## EXPLANATION

When you mixed the baking soda with the vinegar you caused a chemical reaction that created carbon dioxide gas. The carbon dioxide gas caused the bag to expand and eventually pop. Go to [hookedonscience.org](http://hookedonscience.org) for more experiments that might get you "Hooked on Science."



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How many times can you find the word "March" in this puzzle?

# Sports News

## Racers win OVC tournament

Murray State beat Tennessee State 54-52 on Saturday afternoon to win the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, guaranteeing an invitation to the NCAA tournament. The Racers (30-1) overcame a seven-point second half deficit to beat the Tigers, using a basket from senior Jewuan Long with 4.4 seconds left in the game to break the tie and secure the win. On Friday, the Racers beat Tennessee Tech 78-58 in the semifinals to advance to the championship game. The Racers will find out who, when, where they will play and what seed they will be in the NCAA tournament on Sunday during CBS' Selection Sunday show. The Racer women's basketball team lost to UT Martin 102-77 on Friday in the tournament semifinals, ending the season with a 13-18 record. On Thursday, the Racers beat Austin Peay 90-73 in the quarterfinals.

## Kentucky continues to roll

The University of Kentucky ended its Southeastern Conference season 16-0 with a 74-59 win Sunday at Florida. The Wildcats, ranked first in the nation, are the third team in the SEC to go undefeated in the conference season since Alabama did it in 1956. The



ADAM SHULL/The Sun

**Murray State** senior Ivan Aska cuts down his portion of the net at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., after Murray State's 54-52 win over Tennessee State in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship.

other two teams also belonged to Kentucky, with the Wildcats accomplishing the feat in 1996 and 2003.

Freshman Anthony Davis had 22 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks in the win, while Terrence Jones had 19 points.

## Hamlin wins fuel gamble in Phoenix

Denny Hamlin won the NASCAR Sprint Cup race Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway, hopping he would have enough fuel to complete the race, especially after Kevin Harvick, running in second place, ran out of gas on the final lap. Hamlin started the race in the 13th spot.

# Create and Share

If you can sing in the rain, why not paint? A soggy day can transform drawings into Impressionist art.

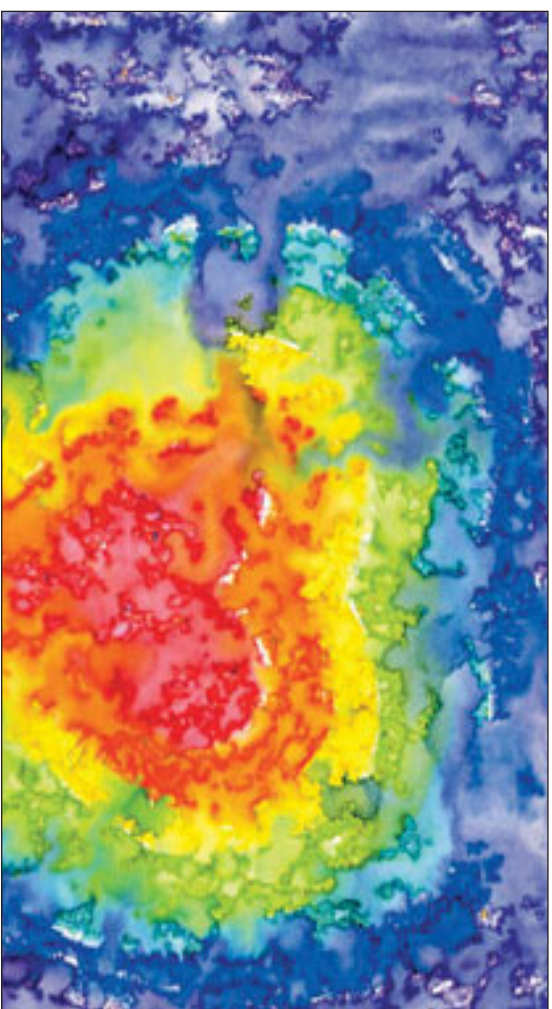
## Materials

- Card stock
- Washable markers

## Instructions

1. Draw on card stock with washable markers, then place the papers outdoors in the rain until the colors have run — this might not take long if it's raining hard.
2. Bring the paintings back inside and put them on a flat surface to dry.

—familyfun.com



**Out dated computer equipment** that is being replaced can have a far higher calling if sent to assist the students in Ethiopia.

# Throwing away an old computer? Why not donate it to Ethiopian kids?

BY MATT MCNAB  
Mediately-Tribune News Service

Think about your typical classroom in school. Most have a projection system or smartboard, and all have at least one computer. All that technology seems standard to you, but try and imagine your school experience without that technology.

If it's a situation that sounds foreign, it's because it is.

Many schools and students across the world don't have the access to electronics as American students do. One such place is the rural city of Gode in Ethiopia.

Adding laptops and computers to classrooms at Gode High School is the newest action by Dr. Gudata Hinika, the chief of trauma and general surgery at California Hospital Medical Center,

and his Ethiopia Health Aid group.

Hinika and his group are seeking donations of old laptops and desktop computers to bring to Ethiopia when the group makes their Medical Mission to the country in March.

Hinika funded the development of the high school in southern Ethiopia in 2007, which opened its doors in 2010.

The school is massive by U.S. high school standards, with an estimated enrollment of 3,500 students — a number that's expected to reach 5,000 by 2014. Hinika also funded the development of a junior high school in 2003.

Have an old computer and want to donate it? To donate computers to Ethiopia Health Aid and Gode High School, contact Kateena Salgado at 626-497-6311 or email [ethiopiahealthaid@gmail.com](mailto:ethiopiahealthaid@gmail.com).

## Nation Briefs

Associated Press

### Obama to speak at Joplin High graduation

COLUMBIA, Mo. — President Barack Obama will speak at Joplin High School's commencement, a year after a tornado struck just after the ceremony, killing more than 160 people and destroying much of the city.

The high school was among the thousands of homes and buildings destroyed, and students have been attending classes in a nearby mall this year. Word traveled quickly through the student body Monday after the White House announced the president would speak at the May 21 graduation. He'll also deliver remarks at Barnard College's May 14 commencement and the Air Force Academy's May 23 graduation.

Obama attended a memorial service in Joplin one week after the deadly tornado, the worst to strike the United States in decades. Seven students and one staff member at Joplin schools were among the victims. Speaking at the memorial service, Obama promised residents "your country will be there with you every single step of the way."

### Oil below \$107 after US, Israel meet on Iran

SINGAPORE — Oil prices hovered below \$107 a barrel Tuesday in Asia after U.S. and Israel leaders met to discuss growing tensions over Iran's nuclear program.

Benchmark oil for April delivery was down 2 cents to \$106.70 at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 2 cents to settle at \$106.72 per barrel in New York on Monday.

After a meeting Monday in Washington, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu showed no sign of give on competing ways to resolve the crisis. Obama urged pressure and diplomacy to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear bomb while Netanyahu emphasized his nation's right to a pre-emptive attack.

### EPA heightens scrutiny over gas drilling

DIMOCK, Pa. — Tugging on rubber gloves, a laboratory worker kneels before a gushing spigot behind Kim Grosso's house and positions an empty bottle under the clear, cold stream. The process is repeated dozens of times as bottles are filled, marked and packed into coolers.

After extensive testing, Grosso and dozens of her neighbors will know this week what may be lurking in their well water as federal regulators investigate claims of contamination in the midst of one of the nation's most productive natural gas fields.

Grosso, who lives near a pair of gas wells drilled in 2008, told federal officials her water became discolored a few months ago, with an intermittent foul odor and taste. Her dog and cats refused to drink it.

# Big day for Romney, Santorum

BY DAVID ESPO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On the eve of their Super Tuesday showdown, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum strained for an edge in Ohio on Monday and braced for the 10 primaries and caucuses likely to redefine the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Newt Gingrich, though winless for more than a month, campaigned in Tennessee and issued a stream of signals that he intended to stay in the race.

In a race marked by unpredictability, Romney's superior organization and the support of an especially deep-pocketed super PAC allowed him to compete all across the Super Tuesday landscape and potentially pick up more than half of the 419 delegates at stake.

Santorum cast the race in biblical terms, his David vs. Romney's Goliath. Even that "is probably a little bit of an understatement," he added.

By contrast, Romney projected confidence. "I hope that I get the support of people here in Ohio tomorrow, and in other states across the country. I believe if I do, I'll get the nomination," he said.

Primaries in Ohio, Georgia, Massachusetts, Vermont, Virginia, Oklahoma and Tennessee plus caucuses in Idaho, North Dakota and Alaska make Tuesday the busiest day of the primary season.

Unlike previous Republican campaigns, when a primary winner would typically win all of a state's delegates, allocations this year generally reflect the split in the popular vote. As a result, several candidates



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney holds a town hall meeting at Taylor Winfield on Monday in Youngstown, Ohio, above.

Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum speaks at the American Legion on Monday in Westerville, Ohio, left.



### What's so super about Super Tuesday?

■ Delegates for grabs Tuesday: 419.

■ Delegates already won: Romney, 203; Santorum, 92; Gingrich, 33; Paul, 25.

■ Delegates needed for the nomination: 1,144.

■ Next up: Caucuses and primaries in Kansas, Alabama, Hawaii, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana fill out the busiest month of the nomination season. Three territories — American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico — also get their say in March.

may be able to claim success once the Super Tuesday results are known.

Romney kept his focus on the economy in a final sprint across Ohio, the state that has drawn the most attention and television advertising. Pre-primary polls show him with momentum in a close race with Santorum.

"Other people in this race have debated about the economy, they've talked about it in subcom-

mittee hearings," Romney said dismissively of his opponents. "But I've actually been in it. I've worked in business, and I understand what it takes to get a business successful and to thrive."

Santorum, who narrowly lost Michigan to Romney last week, said that no matter how much his rival spends, "conservatives will not trust him, will not rally around him this primary season. ... We will be the nominee."

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# Children survive direct twister strike

Associated Press  
**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — When Latonya Stevens heard thunder and lightning in the distance, she knew the drill. Every time a storm drew near, her children would run to her room seeking comfort. So Stevens turned on a hall light for the young kids as high winds began buff-

feting the house. Then she blacked out and awoke to find only one of the four children in sight and the house ripped apart. She quickly assumed the worst: that a twister had carried off the other three kids. "I was screaming for them," Stevens said Monday. "I was panicking. For

a moment, I didn't know where they were." No one knows precisely what happened, but this much is clear. The three children were in their rooms when the tornado approached. As the winds rose, most of the home's second floor was swept away. After the storm passed, the kids were found

outside on the ground, one of them 100 feet away along a major highway. All three emerged with only cuts and bruises — and a story to tell for the rest of their lives. "It's a miracle they survived," said their grandfather, Clarence Gray Jr. "God was looking out for them." Most of the family's pos-

sessions were lost. But by Monday, the children were playing in their grandparents' house if nothing had happened. They picked up family photos scattered on a coffee table. "This was our house," Jamal said, pointing to a picture. The children — 3-year-old Amber, 4-year-old Ay-

anna and 7-year-old Jamal — said they don't recall anything. "They're like me. They don't remember what happened," Stevens said. "We don't know. Maybe it will come back to us eventually. I mean, I've sat down and tried to figure out what happened. I don't know," she said softly.

## Nation/World Briefs

Associated Press

### Report: Unclear what prompted mauling

HELENA, Mont. — An investigation into the second of two fatal grizzly bear attacks last summer at Yellowstone National Park was unable to conclude if the same bear was responsible for both deaths, a report released Monday said. But DNA tests show the bear that killed California hiker Brian Matayoshi in July fed on Michigan hiker John Wallace with one of her cubs in August, and evidence of two other bears in the area where Wallace's body was found much farther away — 65 feet and 492 feet from the body. The report indicates there is no "clear evidence" to identify the bear that attacked and killed the 59-year-old Wallace from Chassell in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Park officials decided against capturing or killing the mother bear, or sow, after Matayoshi's death.

### 140 dead in al-Qaida attack in Yemen

SANAA, Yemen — Sneaking across the desert behind army lines, al-Qaida militants launched a surprise attack against military bases in south Yemen, killing 107 soldiers and capturing heavy weapons they later used to kill more troops, officials said Monday. The military officials said at least 32 of the militants were killed in Sunday's fighting in Abyan province, and scores were wounded on both sides. Medical officials in the area confirmed the death toll figures. They said the poor services in local hospitals accounted for the death of many soldiers who suffered serious wounds but could have survived had they been given better medical care. The death toll among the troops is believed to be the highest on record in battles fought by the army against al-Qaida militants.

# McCain seeks airstrikes on Syria

BY BRADLEY KLAPPER  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Frustrated by a diplomatic logjam and a bloody Syrian offensive, Republican Sen. John McCain on Monday urged the United States to launch airstrikes against President Bashar Assad's regime to force him out of power — a call for dramatic military intervention that wasn't supported by the Obama administration or its European or Arab partners. McCain's statement on the Senate floor came as the U.S. and European governments pleaded for Russia's Vladimir Putin to rethink his anti-interventionist stance on Syria, in what appeared to be an increasingly desperate effort for consensus among world powers to stop a crack-down that has killed more than 7,500 people. Hundreds fled to neighboring Lebanon on Monday fearing they'd be massacred in their homes. But the trans-Atlantic calls for Russia to abandon its opposition to strong U.N. action were delivered



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., talks to reporters Monday on Capitol Hill in Washington after making an appeal on the floor of the Senate for the U.S. to lead an "international effort" involving air strikes on Syria's military forces.

at a curious time: a day after Putin showed his strength by resoundingly winning re-election as president, a position he held from 2000 to 2008. Even the modest aim of gaining Russian support for a humanitarian strategy in Syria faced renewed resistance Monday — showing just how limited the diplomatic options were despite the ongoing violence.

McCain's strategy would be far more direct, though it's unclear how popular it would be. His statement was as much a critique of President Barack Obama as a rallying call for an international military campaign, accusing the president of being too soft on Assad. McCain, the GOP's presidential nominee in 2008 and his party's senior member on the Senate Armed

Services Committee, said the U.S. should change policy by arming Syria's rebels and spearheading a military effort to support them. "The only realistic way to do so is with foreign airpower," McCain concluded. "The United States should lead an international effort to protect key population centers in Syria, especially in the north, through airstrikes on Assad's forces."

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# The Library Lineup

## at the McCracken County Library March 2012

**Wednesdays 9 to 4**

**Thursdays 9 to Noon**

AARP volunteers offer free assistance with taxes

**11 a.m. Baby and Me** with Pam Whelan. A 20-minute storytime, playtime with one-on-one participation. Babies up to 24 months - one child per caregiver.

### Thursdays

**5-8 p.m. Family Game Night**

Games & more available on the 2nd floor. Board games include LEGOs, Monopoly, Life, Connect 4, Battleship, Scrabble, Clue & more.

### Fridays

**1 p.m. Basic Computer**

#### Classes

Taught by Patrick Archer in the Teen Tech Lab

**2 p.m. Intermediate Computer Class**

Taught by Patrick Archer in the Teen Tech Lab

### Saturdays

**1-4 p.m. LEGO Days**

### 3/1

**1:30 E-Reader classes** led by Patrick Archer. Got a new e-reader and need some help with our website? Here it is!

### 3/3

**1 p.m. Book Club for Tweens and Teens**

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. Led by Ashley Adair. Refreshments, prizes & giveaways

**2-4 p.m. Learn a Language @Your Library**

Learn how to use Mango Languages. Focus will be on Mandarin. Drawing for a USB with a beginners Mandarin Mango course.

### 3/6

**10 a.m. & 1 p.m. STORY TIME** with Ms. Retta, Bob Dog, and Ms. Cherrie, "Happy Birthday, Dr. Suess!"

### 3/7

**NOON From Off the Shelf.** Andrew Halford will be leading a discussion on the book, *Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez, a fictionalized view of female slave's relationships with their owners set in the United States before the Civil War.

**1 p.m. One on One at One** with Brian Medlin. Have a computer question or concern? Bring it to the upstairs computer lab!

### 3/8

**6:30 p.m. E-Reader classes** led by Patrick Archer. Got a new e-reader and need some help with our website? Here it is!

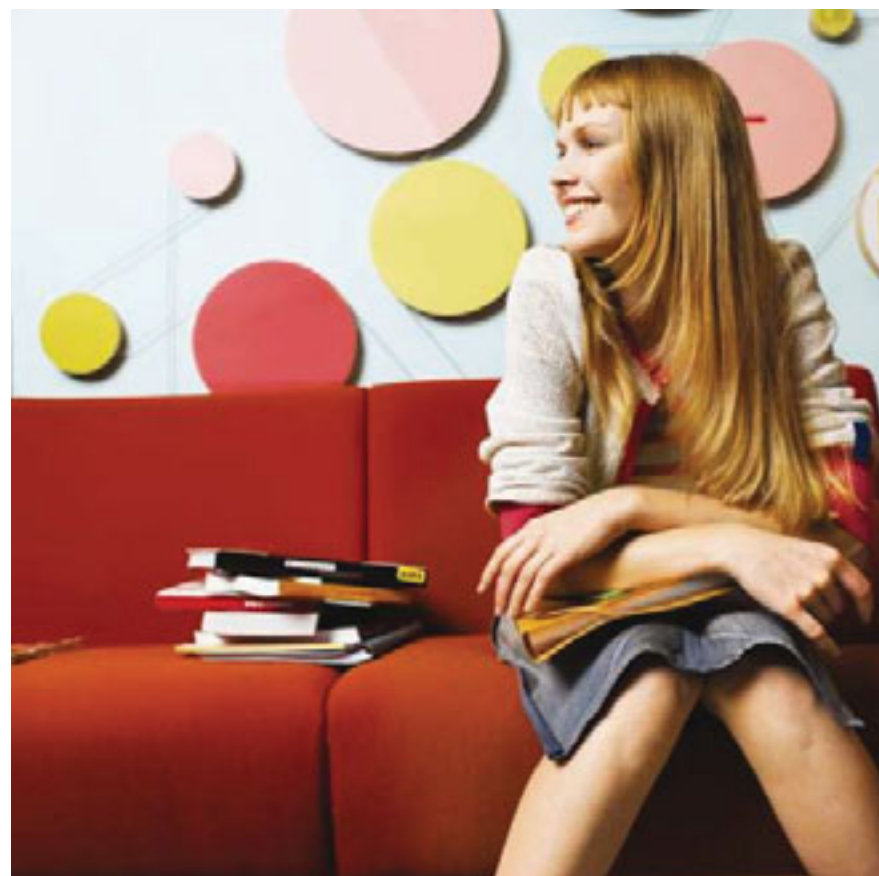
### 3/13

**10 a.m. & 1 p.m. STORY TIME** with Ms. Retta, Bob Dog, and Ms. Cherrie, "The Three Bears and our OWN Goldilocks"

**11 a.m. Baby and Me** with Pam Whelan. A 20-minute story time, playtime with one-on-one participation-babies up to 24 months old - one child per caregiver.

### 3/14

**1 p.m. One on One at One-** Brian Medlin will be available to answer computer questions and concerns upstairs in the Computer Lab.



### 3/15

**9:30 a.m. "The Cat and the Fiddler"** Special Musical Story Time. Program for Homeschoolers and General Public in the meeting room.

**6:30 p.m. E-Reader classes** led by Patrick Archer. Got an e-reader for Christmas and need some help with our website? Here it is!

**7 p.m. Evening Upstairs.** *Mary Settles: the Last Shaker at Pleasant Hill (1836-1923)* Portrayed by Janet Scott, co-sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council and the MCPL.

### 3/20

**10 a.m. & 1 p.m. STORY TIME** with Ms. Retta, Bob Dog, Ms. Cherrie, presenting a musical story time "Cat and Fiddler."

**11 a.m. Baby and Me** with Pam Whelan. A 20-minute story time, playtime with one-on-one participation-babies up to 24 months old - one child per caregiver.

### 3/21

**1 p.m. One on One at One-** Brian Medlin will be available to answer computer questions and concerns upstairs in the Computer Lab.

### 3/22

**6:30 E-Reader classes** led by Patrick Archer. Got an e-reader and need some help with our website? Here it is!

### 3/23

**2 p.m. Harper Collins** author, Shelley Shepard Gray, *Missing and Sisters of the Heart, Seasons of Sugar Creek, and Families of Honor Series* will be here to discuss her series based in Crittenden County about the Amish Community. Books will be available for purchase and for signing.

### 3/27

**10 a.m. & 1 p.m. STORY TIME** with Ms. Retta, Bob Dog, Ms. Cherrie, presenting "Favorite Things"

**11 a.m. Baby and Me** with Pam Whelan. A 20-minute story time, playtime with one-on-one participation-babies up to 24 months old - one child per caregiver.

**4 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting** in Meeting Room

### 3/28

**1 p.m. One on One at One.** Brian Medlin answers computer questions & concerns

### 3/29

**6:30 p.m. E-Reader classes** led by Patrick Archer.



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