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Orchestra to play at Tucker

Audience sing-a-long
will be featured

By **Stephanie Hill and
Amanda Maynard**
Staff Writer and News Editor

Tucker Theatre will once again host the Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will be performing a concert titled, "A Symphony of Trees."

According to the orchestra's Web site, "The Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra is the cultural heartbeat of the community, providing professional classical, pops and youth education programming for the Middle Tennessee area."

"The Joy of Christmas" will be this year's theme for the concert and the audience will be treated to a special guest, Stephen Smith, associate professor of music at MTSU.

Smith, who sings tenor, will be performing a piece titled, "The Joy of Christmas."

"Typically, we have artists come in from out of state or even out of the country, so this is more of a hometown feeling," said Jeremy McEwen, associate executive director of the MPSO.

The orchestra performs five or six concerts each year at Tucker Theatre, and they hope to involve the listeners in this year's Christmas concert.

"We're not only doing more modern stuff, but we're doing some traditional stuff so the audience can actually sing along, which is going to be really unique," McEwen said.

As the audience enters the theatre, they will be given flyers with song lyrics so they can follow along with the orchestra.

Preparation for the concert began in early November and will be conducted by orchestra executive director and music director Laurence Harvin.

The orchestra is composed of performers from the United States and elsewhere, and it serves Rutherford, Williamson, Wilson, Cannon, Davidson, Coffee, Warren and Bedford counties, according to the orchestra's Web site.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the door for the performances and prices may vary depending on the type of seating.

Conductor's choice seating is \$25 per show, classic seating is \$20, economy seating is \$15 and student tickets are \$10.

A four-show ticket package is also available for all the orchestra performances.

The orchestra will also be performing in Tucker Theatre March 3 and April 28.

For more information, contact the Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra at 898-1862 or e-mail their office at symphony@mboro-phil.com. ♦

Illegal aliens denied enrollment

By **Wendy Caldwell**
Staff Writer

Illegal aliens may face difficulties receiving higher education.

The Virginia attorney general stated that colleges in the state are not to enroll illegal aliens. Those already enrolled are not eligible to receive in-

state tuition.

This has made other states' universities more aware of the problems associated with allowing illegal aliens to enroll and how better to monitor the situation.

"We require all students to provide us with information regarding their residency," said Bob Glenn, MTSU's vice presi-

dent for Student Affairs and vice provost for enrollment management.

Glenn said students who do not live in the United States must register with the International Programs and Services Office.

Glenn agrees that illegal aliens should not be allowed to receive in-state tuition.

MTSU monitors illegal aliens by requiring proof of residence.

"We do require students to provide documentation of residence," Glenn said. "Residency is a real key issue with us."

Glenn said residency is important for two reasons.

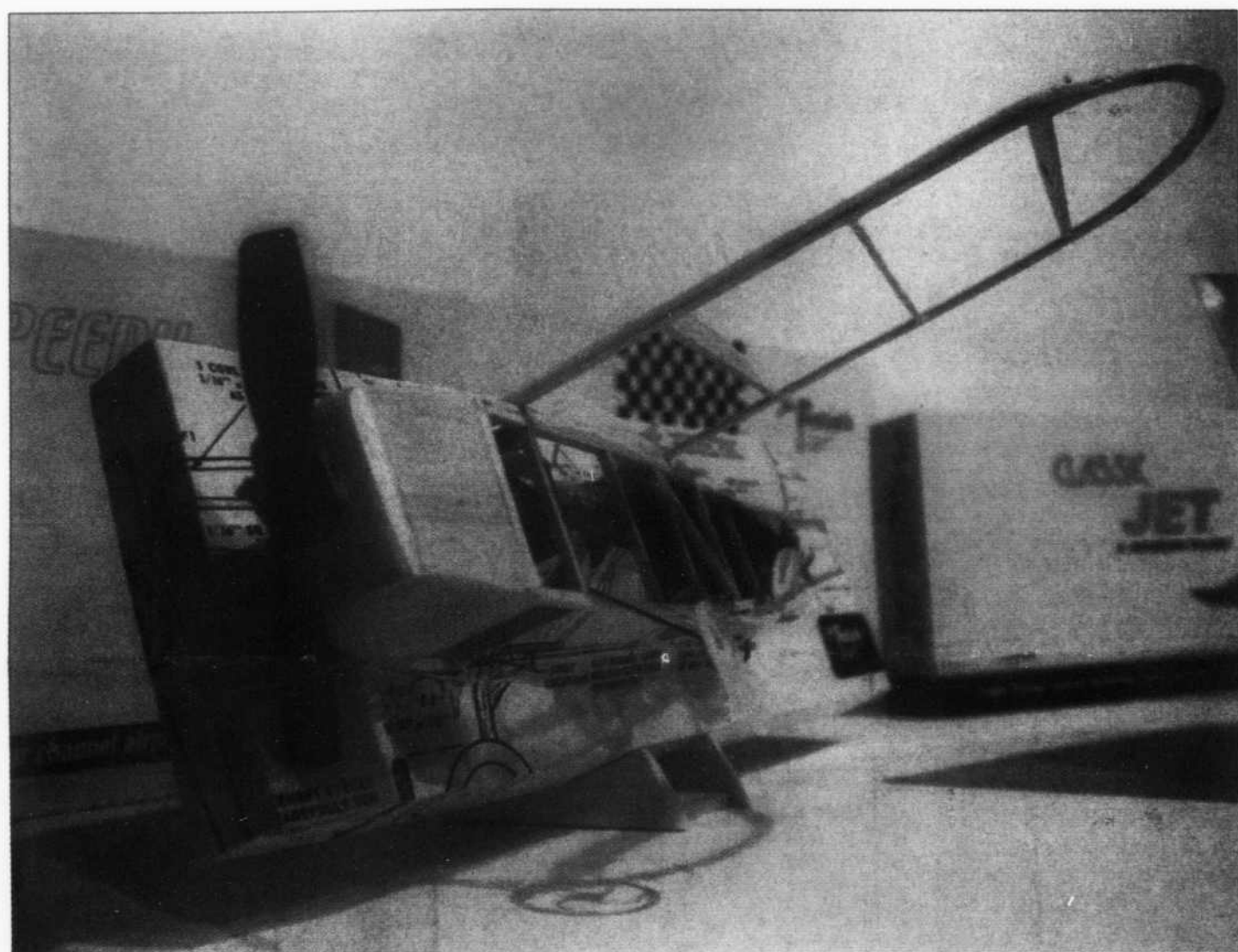
First, residency determines whether or not the university

receives money from the state of Tennessee for the student. If an illegal alien were to enroll, the university would not receive any money from the state for that student.

Second, residency determines what the university charges the student. The cost of

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Art Barn hosts student work



Senior Shane Sizemore's "Fantastic Flyers" is part of the graphic art show in the Art Barn on campus. Senior graphic art majors were responsible for each piece in the exhibit. Artists focused on commercial art and corporate logos. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Photo by Jason Cox | Staff Photographer

Local police officer makes video, provides tips to avoid DUI arrest

By **Kristin Hall**
Staff Writer

Tim Stone, a field-training officer for the Lavergne Police Department, is showing citizens how to avoid arrests for driving under the influence, and he's making Mothers Against Drunk Driving mad.

His controversial new video, "How to Avoid a DUI," has been the topic of national and regional news programs, but Stone says the video only helps citizens understand their rights if they are pulled over by a policeman.

"We're not trying to teach people how to drink and drive," said Stone, who was recently on CNN's *Talkback Live*. "We're trying to teach people about their rights."

The right that Stone refers to is the right to refuse to submit to a blood alcohol test, which can result in the revocation of driver's license for at least 12 months.

Requests for advice about DUIs from people he met as an officer on the street inspired Stone to make a video that might answer all those questions.

"I made the video because the public really wants to know," Stone said.

The information on the video encompasses state

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Cheekwood Museum showcases Wyeth art collection

By **Sarah Saussy**
Staff Writer

"You can almost see her fidget as though she is trying to stand still," MTSU English student Ben Drury said while touring Andrew Wyeth's "Helga Pictures: An Intimate Study" at Cheekwood Museum of Art.

The Helga Pictures exhibit, on display through Jan. 5, features 70 watercolors, paintings, temperas and drawings by

American artist Andrew Wyeth.

"She was an image I couldn't get out of my mind; it was a constant flow, things happening quickly ... I was almost writing a journal of an experience, coughing up my own life," Wyeth said in a quote posted beside the 1974 dry brush work, "Crown of Flowers."

Wyeth and Helga met in 1971, and began composing the series that now adds up to 240 individual works. He secretly drew Helga until 1985, but creat-

ed controversy when he eventually told his wife about his interest in their longtime neighbor, Helga.

After Wyeth revealed the pictures to his wife, they decided to sell the series to a single home. The series is now owned by a private interest, although Wyeth continues his connection with Helga, who is a caregiver for the aging 85-year-old artist.

"It's completely different than any of his other works," MTSU art instructor

John Knox said while viewing the exhibit. "There's a meticulous quality to his mark-making and brush strokes."

Most of Wyeth's subjects come from the artist's personal interests of the rural Pennsylvania and coastal Maine environments.

"People identify with his work. They're able to find themselves in it," art dealer Frank Fowler said in an *Investor's*

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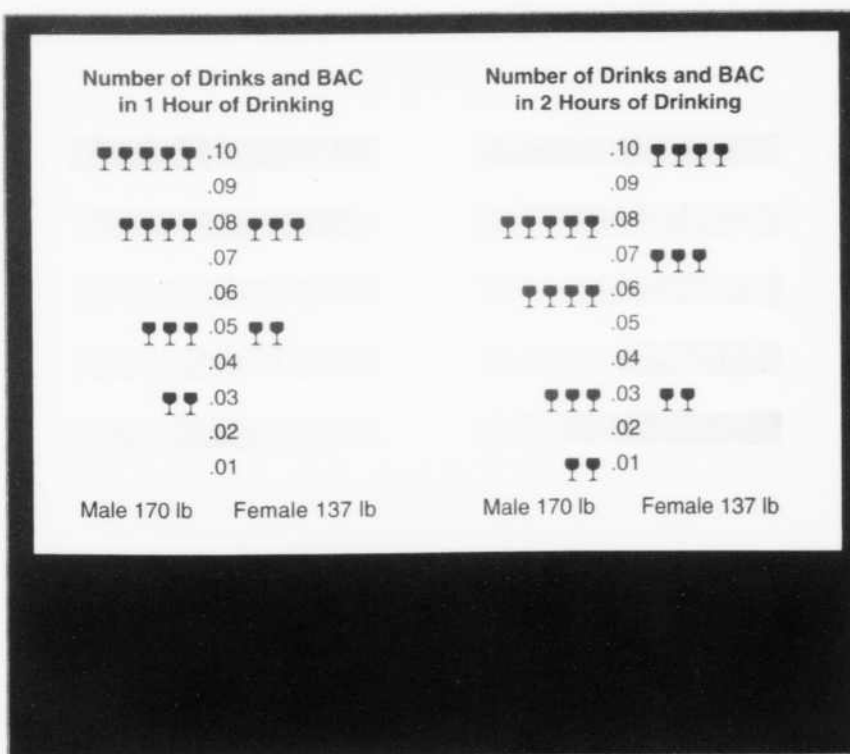


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DUI: Officer alleges false MADD statistical reports

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The information on the video encompasses state laws and regulations regarding DUIs, police procedures for detecting drunk drivers and the effects of alcohol on the body.

A misconception that Stone wants to dispel about his video is that it teaches viewers to trick officers into thinking they are not inebriated.

"You can't fool the police if you're intoxicated," Stone said. "If you can follow the advice of the video, you will be able to show to an officer that you are in control of your actions."

Despite Stone's immediate success in sales, one major critic of Stone's video has been hitting the airwaves as well: the non-profit organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"It's irresponsible," said Nancy Denning, a media relations representative for MADD's Nashville chapter. "It's a slap in the face to the hundreds of victims."

However, Stone said he doesn't think MADD has really looked at the content of the video.

"What they are objecting is only the concept," Stone said.

"The video is called 'How to Avoid a DUI' and I think that's exactly its purpose," Denning said.

Stone also said that MADD, which receives its statistics on DUIs and alcohol-related accidents from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, aren't entirely accurate.

Stone said any accident that involves alcohol, even if alcohol does not cause the accident, is considered alcohol-related and is reported as such.

"They [MADD] are reporting inflated numbers to get money," Stone said.

NHTSA reports that 537 people died in alcohol-related car accidents last year in this state, which is 43 percent of the total traffic fatalities in Tennessee.

"That's unacceptable," Denning said.

MADD rates each state on factors of law enforcement, underage drinking and driving control, victim issues, laws and fatality trends.

However, Major Ron Brewer, the operations commander of MTSU's police department, doesn't agree with Stone's account of police procedure regarding alcohol-related accidents.

Brewer said the standard for most police departments is to include the occurrence of alcohol or intoxication in the police report only if the arresting officer felt it directly triggered or affected the accident.

The video, a product of three years of research by Stone, comes after the Tennessee legislature passed a new bill last spring that lowers the legal blood alcohol content limit to .08 in July 2003.

The BAC limit is currently at .10 but in October of 2000, the federal government passed a law that required all states to lower the limit to .08 or face the loss of federal highway funds.

MADD played a major role in moving that legislation through and continues to push stricter DUI laws in all states.

"We're excited .08 passed, and we'll see what difference this truly makes," Denning said.

Although Stone does not condone drinking and driving, he feels that a repercussion of the BAC limit decrease will be that officers will spend more time catching and arresting casual drinkers, but not the chronically intoxicated drivers.

According to Brewer, MTSU's police department has already adopted the BAC limit of .08 when arresting DUI offenders.

"Drinking has become a part of the college atmosphere," Brewer said, "and it is hard to separate that."

For these reasons, Stone thinks "How to Avoid a DUI" will sell well on campuses. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

Dear Santa McPhee: A 'Sidelines' wishlist

With the semester nearly nestled, all snug in its bed and visions of Sticky Buns dancing in our heads, we ask you, o wise one on the southeast pole of our campus, to bring us some treats, toys and trinkets this Christmas Day. Our wishlist is great, and we can't expect them all, but give us consideration when you're making your holiday rounds. After all, we've been very, very good boys and girls this semester. We want:

- A helper monkey to do tasks around the office. No task is too great or too small for a primate to handle, from cooking frozen dinners in the microwave to writing copout list editorials.

- A more merciful football schedule for 2003. While this isn't under your direct control, put in a good word, eh?

- A courtyard that won't break. Despite its bold tags of 'beautiful' and 'awesome,' it is quite obviously not 'durable.' And since Stucky's leaving, we can get that fountain everyone wanted. After all, everyone likes the color of water.

- Fill Rutledge Hall with the disgruntled, displaced professors currently working in closets. While you're at it, get on putting the art department in the Todd Building before a stray cigarette butt sends the Art Barn up in flames. That would be an ugly lawsuit.

- A few suggestions for Aramark: Take credit cards and checks. Also, quit being cheap and making people pay for refills. Anyone who ever worked in a restaurant knows that a refill would only cost a few cents. And get Dr. Pepper instead of that Pibb Xtra crap.

- More front-page profanity ... in *The Record*.

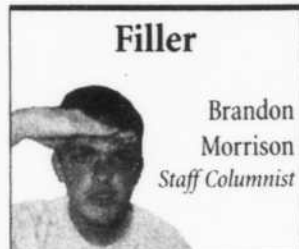
- Al Gore should actually teach a class, rather than show up occasionally and claim he's 'mending fences' in Tennessee. We named a dorm after his dad; it's the least he could do.

- Legalized prostitution on campus. Now, don't freak out yet. They could work out of Health Services, where they could be kept disease and baby-free. We want to use our Raider Funds and Flex dollars, too.

- And finally, new office furniture ... again. The ad office got it, but we're still balancing precariously on crooked seats, hoping we don't get jabbed by loose metal. Maybe when your secretary gets a big screw up his or her bum we'll have made our point.

We know Santa's Workshop isn't made of money; just do what you can. After all, it's Tennessee's educational philosophy - why not spread it everywhere? ♦

Dreaming of a cheap Christmas



Filler

Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

Move over, Santa. This year Christmas has a new mascot in town: the almighty dollar.

Jolly old Saint Nick just doesn't cut it anymore. He isn't cutthroat enough to survive in the competitive financial world that has engulfed the holidays.

Christmas-time has lost its focus. Who cares about the whole Jesus's birthday thing anymore? The holidays aren't even about family togetherness or holiday cheer anymore; it's all about how much money you can spend on the people you know.

After hearing nothing good about the economy for about two years, American consumers have fueled the U.S. economy to record-setting Thanksgiving sales in department and discount stores. Internet sales were up 61

percent on the Friday after Thanksgiving, according to the business research company BizRate.com. Another company, comScore Networks Inc., reported Internet sales were up at a more conservative 40 percent.

Either way, sales on the Internet were way up from last year. That's not too shabby, considering we're supposed to be in the middle of a recession. On top of that, many department and discount stores scored high sales numbers over the Thanksgiving weekend. The consumer giant that is Wal-Mart set the record for one-day sales on the Friday after Thanksgiving, netting a cool \$1.43 billion.

"Yes, Mr. Bigglesworth, everything is going as planned. We've tricked the American public into buying tonic and cheap furniture in order to earn the affection of the people around them. Soon, we will have enough money to order the sharks with the friggin' laser beams attached to their heads. Then, Mr. Bigglesworth,

we will rule ... the world! Muh-ha-ha. Muh-ha-ha. Muh-ha-ha-ha!"

Wal-Mart wasn't the only store with impressive numbers over the holidays. Department stores like Hecht's and J.C. Penney's reported improved sales, while discount retailers like Target set company records for most one-day sales.

Retailers all around have noticed the increased spending. The ironically named marketing director of the Wolfchase Galleria shopping mall in Memphis, Tenn., Naja Dollar, has seen a "definite increase in traffic this year."

"People have refinanced, so they've got a little more disposable income," Dollar said. "I think another thing, too, is a lot of people are putting more emphasis on family related issues, so gift buying should be strong."

That sounds like a nice infomercial. "Not only can these gifts make your friends friendlier and your life more lively, they can also cook, clean and

whiten your teeth!"

The whole point of Christmas now is to buy presents for all your friends and family in hopes to get an equal return of gifts. Instead of a "let's spend some time with my friends and family" attitude about the holidays, it's more of a "lets spend some money on my friends and family" attitude.

Actually, it's probably more of a "lets find a way to spend not that much money on a gift that looks like it took a lot of money/time/thought to come up with."

True friends don't exchange gifts. Instead, they save each other the trouble of finding a cheap, \$10 gift. Think about it: You give me a gift that probably only has sentimental value.

I, being the forgetful person that I am, just now realize that I haven't gotten you anything. So, I run around for a couple of days trying to find a present to give back.

You're ticked off that I bought a crappy gift for you. I'm ticked off that I

had to run around trying to find a good gift that you ended up not liking.

The way I see it, good friends should save their 10 bucks and not get each other gifts. Forget about the last-minute gifts. Most of them are pretty meaningless anyway.

Instead, spend that \$10 on something you want and tell one of your buddies about it.

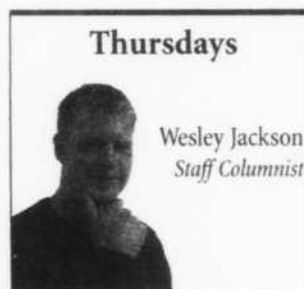
"Yeah, I used that money I would have spent on buying you a gift on lunch for myself yesterday. It was quite tasty."

A friend telling me about his tasty lunch would mean a lot more to me than another doll, poster, calendar or pair of dice to clutter up my dorm.

Basically, you might as well save yourself the trouble and return whatever you got me for Christmas. There's no point in wasting both your time and mine. ♦

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Dickens inspires holiday questions



Thursdays

Wesley Jackson
Staff Columnist

I love Christmas. This holiday is the peaceful end to an exhausting year.

I didn't feel this way two years ago. I'd been squashed like a bug between killer fall finals and the retail madness at work. My holiday had all the joy and peace of rush-hour traffic.

Then I read a Charles Dickens novel for school. Dickens loved this holiday. His famous tale, *A Christmas Carol*, gave us Scrooge, a staple holiday symbol. Scrooge's story is one of repentance, hope and forgiveness - a tale that smacks of the life-changing power of the Christian gospel. It's strange that any of Dickens' books should contain Christian sentiments, because he was the farthest thing from a religious fanatic.

Dickens lived a 19th century rags-to-riches story, someone whose writing became rich and famous almost overnight. With an impoverished childhood and much of his youth stolen by working in factories, he readily embraced the pleasures of being a celebrity.

Dickens enjoyed this fame and success, yet he was never satisfied with his place in life. So, he experimented with a number of lifestyles.

He wrote his novels, worked for social reform and began many newspaper and magazine publications. He acted and explored the ideas of philosophy and the occult.

Yet, these explorations were always colored by a lifelong curiosity about Christianity.

Dickens was painfully aware that many Christians didn't practice what they preached, but he continued to study the religion, almost hoping he would find something real and meaningful inside. Christianity, after all, created Christmas, the holiday Dickens loves so much.

Did Christianity have the power to produce such beautiful holidays as Christmas?

Did Christianity have the power to change an angry, greedy man like Scrooge into a person of humility, generosity and love?

Dickens wanted to believe that it could. He celebrated those Christian, Christmas miracles of changed lives. It's what his holiday stories were about.

To the end of his life, he kept probing, seeking and questioning the Christian faith and the person of Jesus Christ. We'll never know what conclusion he came to.

Dickens struggled with the fact that a religion with so many hypocrites could bring the world such beauty and goodness.

Is there more to Christmas than the tinsel and lights?

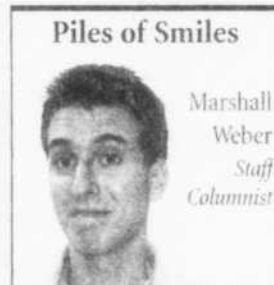
Does Christianity, the spirit of Christmas, actually have the power to bring real happiness and peace to earth?

These are the questions Dickens asked, and I continue to ask some of them myself. So, do a little pondering amid the presents this year.

Read Dickens, and ask some questions. ♦

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Act allows stripping of rights



Piles of Smiles

Marshall Weber
Staff Columnist

When I was in the seventh grade, the middle school I attended enacted a rule that anyone who was heard to utter the name "Marilyn Manson" would automatically receive three days in in-school suspension. The few students who spoke up were ignored, and any members of the faculty who took issue with the new rule were encouraged to shut their mouths and do their jobs.

Any court system would have had a field day with the school's administration if a case against them was ever presented, but we were all too young, too uninformed and too ignorant of our Constitutional rights for anyone to seriously protest. The rule remained, we all complied and, as far as I know, it's still in the books.

Back then my friends and I all told each other that, because we were kids, authority figures could bully us all they wanted and no one in a position to do anything about it gave half a damn if our rights were infringed upon - that this sort of thing would never be tolerated by adults. We knew that the country we lived in offered civil liberties rivaled by few other national governments, and that our parents had been taught that these liberties were invaluable,

a staple in our society that attested to the greatness of the United States of America.

We were wrong.

On Oct. 26, 2002, a triumphant President Bush signed into law the hastily constructed, frighteningly broad Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act.

Instead of preaching to you about how the Act sacrifices basic freedoms in the name of false security and flagrantly tramples the Bill of Rights, allow me to just present a few of the Act's provisions, and you may decide for yourself.

The Act authorizes federal agents to conduct "sneak and peek searches," or covert searches of a person's home or office. They're conducted without notifying the person of the execution of the search warrant until after the search has been completed.

It allows law enforcement agencies conducting a criminal investigation to circumvent the Fourth Amendment whenever they are able to claim that the gathering of foreign intelligence constitutes "a significant purpose."

This provision allows the FBI to resume "domestic spying," harkening back to the infamously corrupt practices of J. Edgar Hoover.

It expands the grounds of terrorism with regard to immigrants. Previously, the term "terrorist activity" described any premeditated and politically

motivated violence targeted against a civilian population. The USA Patriot Act broadens the term to encompass any crime that involves the use of a "weapon or dangerous device (other than for mere personal monetary gain)." This means that any immigrant who even waves a knife or makeshift weapon during any altercation may be subject to removal as a "terrorist."

If you're still with me, you may be wondering how such an Act was able to make its way through the legislative process. Your guess is as good as mine, but I submit mass political apathy.

The public seems willing to give up countless liberties in the name of national security. But how can we know for sure that we'll receive such security at the expense of liberties that, once lost, will never be regained? With so much room for abuse, how do we know these loopholes won't be exploited?

Benjamin Franklin once wrote, "Those who would sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither."

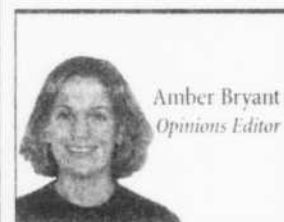
Franklin witnessed his people slaughtered for liberty. It was only after their deaths that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were drafted, and now we're allowing our leaders to take away these rights gained by bloodshed.

Perhaps he's right. Perhaps we don't deserve them. ♦

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From the Opinions Editor

Godly robes don't always mean perfect leaders



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Opinions Editor

Molesting young boys is acceptable in America, but only if you're a man of God.

In a news report released Tuesday, Reuters revealed that the Boston Archdiocese rewarded three priests with known histories of child molestation and cocaine trafficking by giving them new jobs.

The Catholic Church stands accused of covering up many more incidents as well. According to the report, "the Boston archdiocese may declare bankruptcy as a way of dealing with the estimated 450 lawsuits it faces from people who charge they were sexually abused by clergymen." Of course, one has to keep in mind that a sizable portion of those lawsuits probably comes from jerks looking to make a quick buck at the expense of others. However, barring that estimate, that's still a substantial amount of shadiness.

While the church is certainly responsible for concealing the pasts of child-molesting priests

and allowing them access to more potential victims, the parishioners have a valuable lesson to learn from this year-old ordeal - placing politicians, religious leaders and other public figures on a pedestal to be worshipped as a perfect role model is a grave mistake. They're all attempting to fool the public into believing that they can escape the confines of human nature (including sexual urges, which can become unhealthy and dangerous if severely suppressed) and can be trusted, and nine times out of 10, that's exactly what the public wants to believe.

Take former President Bill Clinton for example. When it came out that he and Monica Lewinsky had dilly-dallied around, everyone was generally shocked and appalled, simply because no one wanted to believe that an American president would be unfaithful to his wife.

Give me a break. Just as the Church should take responsibility for its victims, the public should learn to be less naive. Just because it's a church and everyone is decked out in godly robes doesn't mean you're not leaving your young son in the care of strangers. ♦

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America being unreasonable

Banging On My Drum

Cody DeVos
Staff Columnist



America is drunk right now. She showed up at the party sullen and depressed, and nobody was too surprised when she marched straight to the punch bowl and ladled herself drink after bitter, strong drink. France and Russia talked quietly behind her back, asking who invited her and how she was going to get back home. England sighed stoically and said, "Leave her alone. You know she's been through a lot this past year."

Those who knew her best tried to keep her spirits up and keep her distracted. If she wanted to sit down, everyone on the couch rose to let her take their seat. Even old enemies and mere acquaintances extended their sympathies and engaged her in idle party banter. It was under-

stood that it would really be easier this way, that the last thing we wanted to do was to provoke her temper.

But as the night wore on, America grew louder and more belligerent. She rose and began to shout of vengeance and retribution. She spilled her drink all over her dress and knocked over a lamp. "Who's with me? Come on! Let's go, right now!" she cried, and met the eyes of Iraq as he ambled in from the kitchen.

"You!" she shrieked.

Iraq was startled and his eyes darted quickly across the room in search of support. He found none. He knew that he had no friends in this crowd and that he had only been invited because of his oil, but he hadn't prepared himself for a confrontation.

"Come on, guys, let's kick his ass!" America confidently ordered. But as she moved toward Iraq, she was astonished to see that none of her friends rose to join her. Her blurry vision moved across the room to see the others looking down, coughing into their hands and

trying not to make eye contact. Only Germany ventured to say, "Come on, America. You've had a lot to drink. This isn't a good idea."

Russia hesitantly piped up as well. "Yeah. You can't just pick a fight with someone who hasn't even done anything to you."

"Whattayamean I can't!" America slurred. "Do you know who I am? I'm America!"

France and Russia sighed and whispered to each other. England made some apologies and explained that she's really not usually like this. Headlights flooded the lawn as several partygoers ducked out quietly.

America growls threats through clenched teeth and mutters to herself. Iraq stands drunk, bewildered and suddenly self-conscious of his short stature and ugliness. The other nations anticipate doom, knowing that America is far too drunk to listen to reason and no one will take her home. ♦

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Happy Holidays!

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Letter to the Editor

RIM department looking for resolution

To the Editor:

I'm very pleased at what was printed in *Sidelines*, but there were several errors that need to be addressed ("Recording industry majors face difficulties registering," Nov. 14).

The RIM department has three studios. They're all in use all the time, because the major has double the students it can handle. As of now, the student body is asking for a fourth or even fifth studio to alleviate this problem.

On Friday, Nov. 8, every single post-candidacy production and technology class was full. I know because I took the last seat of the last section of the last class, at a time that's very inconvenient to me. It's a problem. Everyone agrees that building studios would solve it, but the time effort involved would not benefit anyone currently attending. A few professors have suggested demanding an enrollment cap on our major.

A resolution to this problem needs to be determined. I encourage anyone who shares my sentiments to e-mail the president, the provost, the dean of Mass Communication and myself. I also encourage anyone not in the recording industry major to do the same if your major suffers a similar problem.

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Blue Raiders head to Boilermaker tourney

By Jared Hastings
Staff Reporter

The early season schedule for the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team doesn't get any easier this weekend, as the Blue Raiders travel north to West Lafayette, Ind., to play in the Boilermaker Invitational.

MT, Purdue, IUPUI and the University of San Diego will be playing in the tournament, to be held on the campus of Purdue University.

"We are trying to get as good of a team as we can get to keep it entertaining," Purdue head coach Gene Keady said. "We try to get teams from the West Coast, the East Coast, the South. We want to give people a chance to see teams from different parts of the country."

After a schedule that has already seen MT play four potential NCAA tournament teams, the Blue Raiders open up play on Friday with perennial Big Ten conference contender Purdue University. It will be the second game this season MT has played a team from a major conference, losing to the University of Alabama at the Southeastern Alabama 80-65.

Blue Raider coach Kermit Davis says his team looks forward to playing games against major opponents.

"It's good for the program," Davis said. "Our kids get excited about it, and the fans get excited about it. You want to know where you stand, so you go out and just try to be better than that team on that particular night."

"I definitely look forward to it," center Napoleon Rhodes said. "I mean, you get excited for any game, but when it's against major teams, you just want to play your best and see how good you are."

On Saturday, depending on the outcome of Friday's games, the Blue Raiders will play either IUPUI or San Diego.

With all three teams possessing considerably more size than MT, play in the low post, especially by Rhodes, will be a key to any Blue Raider success.

In Saturday's loss at the

University of North Carolina-Greensboro, the junior from Ocala, Fla., dominated down low for 16 points and 20 rebounds, both career highs.

"He's getting there," Davis said of Rhodes. "On Saturday, his conditioning was better, and he was getting tough rebounds against a Greensboro team that was pretty good in the paint."

The Boilermakers enter Friday's game with a 3-1 record after Tuesday night's loss to No. 16 Xavier University. More pressing than the loss of the game is the loss of junior center Ivan Kartelo with a dislocated elbow. Kartelo, who had started three games for the Boilermakers this year, is out indefinitely.

Purdue boasts last year's Big Ten scoring champion in guard Willie Deane. The 6-foot-1 senior is averaging 14 points per game this season. The challenge for Davis and the rest of the Blue Raiders will be to slow down the Boilermakers in the low post. Six-foot-10 junior forward Chris Booker is averaging 10.3 points per game and six rebounds per game. Matching his size will be a test for MT, as Booker is two inches taller than anyone the Blue Raiders will be able to put on the floor.

On Saturday, the Blue Raiders play their second game in as many days, facing either San Diego or IUPUI.

Both teams, though not from major conferences, boast wins over major conference teams.

IUPUI defeated Northwestern out of the Big 10 last week. They enter the Boilermaker Invitational 3-4 on the season.

San Diego comes to Purdue as one of the early surprises in college basketball. The Toreros are 3-0 and defeated last week No. 14 UCLA on the road. In that game, 6-10 center Jason Keep poured in 30 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

Tip off tomorrow is at 7 p.m. CST. Saturday's game tips off at either 4:30 p.m. or 7 p.m., depending on the outcome of Saturday's match. Both games can be heard on 89.5 FM Murfreesboro. ♦

Recruiting key for MT head coach

By Keosha Thomas
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's women's basketball team has had a successful season each year tackling goals and obstacles one step at a time.

The team's success is mainly due to their hard work and dedication, which comes from their head coach Stephany Smith.

Smith is noted as being an excellent recruiter. The acquisition of guards Mia Parvianen and Paula Penttila from Finland have been crucial to this season with the loss of last year's leading scorer Jamie Thomatis.

"I really don't compare myself to any of the greatest coaches," Smith said. "I have my own ways, and I tend to be very humble compared to other coaches."

"Having a job, doing something you love, is the greatest feeling in the world. I have an incredible team and staff working around me."

Smith started her coaching career as a graduate assistant at her alma mater, Harding University, in 1989.

Then she worked for four years at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where she served as a coordinating recruiter for the Blazers. She was successful at UAB, helping to bring in the Sun Belt Conference title (1990, 1991) and the Great Midwest Conference title (1992).

In 1993, she came to MT and served as an assistant coach for four years alongside former head coach

Lewis Bivens. As a Blue Raider, coach Stephany played a key role to their teams success in recruiting players. Her last year before becoming head coach she was an associate head coach.

Her honors while being a coach at MT include Ohio Valley Conference Co-Champions (1994, 1995).

"It is important to offer your personality when recruiting players and demonstrate what MTSU has to offer academically as well," Smith said. "My primary goal as a coach and for our team is to bring in the Sun Belt Conference title home."

When Smith is not leading her team she strives to be a community leader as well by providing numerous non-profit clinics at MT and UAB for girls to further promote the game of basketball.

"I love going to the MT football and soccer games," Smith said. "It is important for us to support our home teams."

The Lady Raiders have made three postseason appearances and won a regular season conference tournament title in Smith's five seasons at MT's program.

The Lady Raiders play tomorrow at the Kansas State Tournament against Kansas State University at 7 p.m.

How well do you know ... Stephany Smith?

Hometown:

Brookhaven, Miss.

Education:

Smith graduated from Harding University in May 1988 with a bachelor's degree in physical education before receiving a master of science in education degree with an emphasis in physical education in August of 1989.

Interesting fact:

Ralph "Catfish" Smith is the her father. Smith is a member of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. He won two national championships at Ole Miss in 1959-60 and played 10 years in the NFL.

Playing Experience:

Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, Miss., 1986; Harding University in Searcy, Ark., 1987-88

Favorite player:

Sue Byrd

Favorite team:

MT Lady Raiders

Favorite color:

Green

Favorite food:

Anything

Titles and Championships:

OVC co-champions in (94, 95-96), 1996 Lady Raiders voted on collegiate poll ranked as 26th.

Southern Illinois volleyball player sparks controversy

By Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian
(Southern Illinois University)

U-WIRE (Carbondale, Ill.) — Everyone talked about it, but at the same time did not.

It was obvious and out in the open but officially in the closet.

Her players began to notice her girlfriend at their games, but no one talked about it — at least around her. It was a topic of conversation among the school's faculty, students and staff when the coach was not around.

But for Southern Illinois University volleyball player Tara Cains, her high school coach was simply that — a coach. It did not matter that she was a lesbian.

"I didn't have a problem with it," Cains said of her coach at LaPorte (Ind.) High School. "I thought she was a great teacher. I thought she was a great coach and I stood up for her if anybody ever said anything. I thought she was a great person."

Cains had run into the touchy issue of gays in sports at an early age, around the same time Esera Tuaolo, an ex-NFL player, was playing for the Green Bay Packers.

Tuaolo, who came out of the closet a month ago, told *ESPN Magazine* that he became suicidal while playing because he was living a lie and could not tell the truth because he feared for his safety.

Tuaolo's revelation has sparked questions about whether the athletic world is ready for homosexuals the same way Dave Kopay's coming out did in 1975. Columnists across

the nation are asking whether the gay community and the athletic community can co-exist and whether their community is ready for it.

SIU's answers to those questions depend on who is asked, and many did not want to talk about it. Saluki football quarterback Joel Sambursky declined to comment extensively on the subject, saying it would be difficult for an athlete to come out but that no one wanted to know what he thought.

"I'm not gay, so I don't know what it's like," Sambursky said. "To sit in someone's shoes and to think whether it's wise for him to come out — don't even have that perspective, so it would be unwise to even speak about it."

Sambursky and the rest of the football team were less than thrilled about speaking about the topic of gays in sports, but their coach, Jerry Kill, was candid and rather blunt about his feelings on the subject.

Kill said he would accept anyone on his team if he played or coached well.

"You hire gay, black, white, purple, green. I could give a rat's ass what anybody is as long as they're a good person," Kill said. "That's their opinion, that's their right and that's the great thing about America. I judge people about what kind of person they are; that's the bottom line."

He added that he would be clueless as to what he would do if one of his players came out and jokingly suggested separate showering facilities for gay

See Illinois, 7



Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Sports Designer
Stephany Smith has made many postseason appearances as the assistant coach for the University of Alabama-Birmingham and head coach at Middle Tennessee.

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Kowalczyk said harassment of
openly gay coaches and athletes
would not be tolerated by the
SIU Athletic Department in the
same way it does not condone
racial or ethnic discrimination.
He said that based on the
school's history, SIU athletics
would be more equipped for a
gay athlete than most other
schools.

"We are firm believers in
equal opportunity across the
board, so we definitely preach
non-discriminatory practices
and behavior and expect that
from all of our student-ath-
letes," Kowalczyk said. "We've
been very aggressive at this
institution historically, whether
it be for admitting and graduat-
ing minorities or the gay com-
munity."

SIU ranks fourth among the
nation's traditionally white
institutions in the total number
of undergraduate degrees
earned by black students and
has an 18 percent minority pop-
ulation.

Vice Chancellor of Student
Affairs and Enrollment
Management Larry Dietz is
attempting to extend SIU's
commitment to diversity to the
gay community, and for the
most part, has done it. Statistics
are impossible to keep on
homosexual enrollment but
according to Dietz, homosexual
tolerance at SIU is high.

"When environments are
diverse, there are occasional
folks at the fringes of intoler-
ance that will make some state-

ments or comments which,
taken to the extreme, will be the
perpetrator of an incident such
as the one that happened at the
rocks," Dietz said.

Dietz did say, however, that
being an openly gay athlete
would still be difficult because
of the level of exposure athletes
receive. A homosexual athlete or
coach would be forced to deal
with media questions, slurs
from opposing supporters and fans
and the uncertainty of how
their own fans would react.

Paulette Curkin, student
development coordinator and
advisor to the Saluki Rainbow
Network, said although she
believes it could be done, a gay
athlete at SIU would face dis-
crimination and possibly physi-
cal harm.

"I think that there would be
a concern for his or her safety,
but I think it's entirely up to the
individual," Curkin said. "There
is homophobia on this campus
and on every other campus."

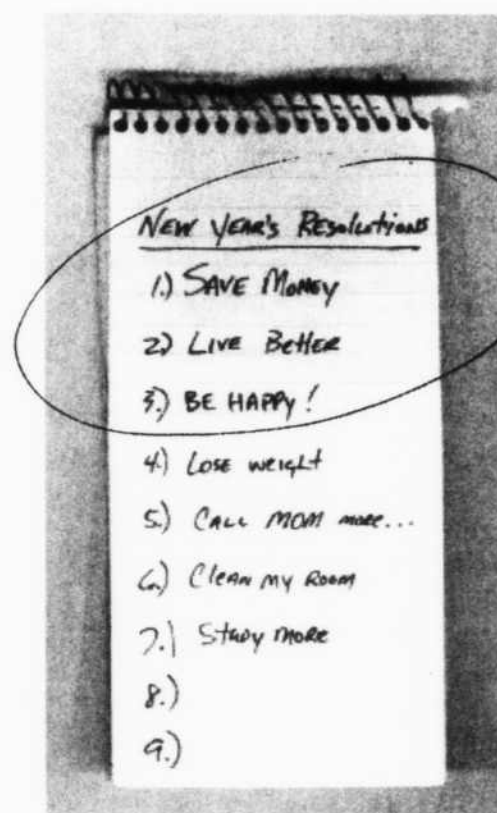
That existing homophobia
tends to be magnified with ath-
letes and anyone who receives
media attention, which some
athletes, including Cains,
believe is the reason gay athletes
stay in the closet.

Cains said she hopes homo-
sexuals such as her high school
coach will someday be accepted
in mainstream athletics.

"I think some people are
ignorant," Cains said. "Some
people are terrible when it
comes to that kind of thing."

"I hope someday people can
do that and it will be accepted
just like it should be." ♦

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rooms, washer and
dryer, \$290/month +
utilities. Call 485-
6570. Smoker OK.
Room for rent. Male
preferred. 1 bedroom
with private bathroom
in a 2 bedroom apart-
ment. Move in anytime
after exams. \$425
includes, furniture,
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Large 2-story house 3
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discounts available.
\$50 off 1st month rent

for the first lease.
\$300 security deposit.
Fully furnished, washer
& dryer, dish washer,
microwave, central
H/A and Culligan
drinking water. Call
898-2005.
Looking for a 2/3 bed-
room house, cheap,
near campus. Will take
over lease/sign lease.
Must allow pets. Call
539-1149. Leave mes-
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Need a place to live in
the spring? I have a
brand new 3 br/2 ba
house for rent. This
would be great for
three friends who want
to live together. \$285
per month/per person
(855 total) Appliances
included. Call Neil at
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Near Campus!! 4BR
/ 2BA, all appliance
included, microwave,
cable included, central
H/A. Call Jerry or
Tommie Peiser
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night.

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Responsible open
minded roommate
wanted to share 2
bedroom/ 1 bath
duplex/ apt. Walking
distance to campus.
\$270 mo. + 1/2 elec.
and phone. Call after
4 p.m. 867-7084.
Female roommate
wanted to share new 3
bdr. house 2 mi. from
campus. Includes:
W/D, all appliances,
kitchen and living
room furniture. No
Deposit!! \$350/mo.
includes all utilities.
Call Rachel at 494-
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Roommate needed for
3 bedroom apt. at
SUH. Available at the
end of fall semester.
\$420/month includes
washer/dryer, all bills
(including cable.) I will
pay you \$100 on
move-in. Call 898-
3588 or email
jwh2q@mtsu.edu.
Roommate wanted to
share 3 BR, 2 BA
apartment 1/2 block
from MTSU. Available
Nov. 15. \$200 per
month plus 1/3 util-
ities. \$100 deposit.
895-9062.
Roommate wanted:
\$100 deposit, \$385
includes all utilities,
washer & dryer, fully
furnished. Call 615-
907-3962 or 931-
278-0043.
Room for rent. Female
needed. One bedroom
in 3 bedroom house.
All appliances includ-
ed. Close to campus.
\$285 + 1/3 utilities.
Available now! Call
494-3877.

165 Roommates
Room for Rent, women
only. 2 1/2 blocks
from MTSU, furnished
room. Includes every-
thing. Washer and
Dryer, Towels, Linens,
all you need is your
clothes, toiletries and
food. \$350 a month,
no deposit, no lease,
month to month. Call
Glenna 896-0123.
432 S. Tennessee Blvd.
2 female roommates
wanted to share new 3
bedroom, 2 bath
house, 5 minutes from
MTSU. Fully furnished.
\$325 per person. Call
494-0077 ask for
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21 yr. old male look-
ing for a roommate to
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ft., 2 bedroom/1 1/2
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needed. One bedroom
and private bath in a
4 bedroom apartment
3 blocks from campus.
Ground floor. \$354
includes all utilities
and telephone. Apartment
is furnished. Act now
and I'll throw in a free
21" color tv. 907-
8394. Ask for Scott.
Sublease apartment.
Nottingham Apt.
Across from campus 2
bedroom 2 bath. email
chrispytoul@yahoo.co
m.

185 Pets
Free to good home. 8
month old female grey
tabby. Call 397-4813
for more info.

190 Services
Stressed? Need to
relax? Treat yourself
and some friends to a
complimentary spa
retreat. Your house or
mine. 494-3408,
sparetreat@hotmail.co
m. Schedule yours
today!
Need make-up? Call
Jaclyn 896-4069 for
any Mary Kay prod-
ucts.

205 Other
Bass Player wanted
for punk/ rock n roll
band. Prior band
experience, road wor-
thy equipment, perma-
nent location in
Nashville/ Murfreesboro area.
No substance
abuse problems. Info
@ 896-9290
Hard Working
Housecleaning.
Experienced and
affordable. Call me
asap for details.
Jessica 848-0194 or
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wishes to adopt your
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us live our dream of
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2 years old



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