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Pageant winner

Christy Stucker of Fayette County recently was crowned Mrs. Kentucky America 2009. Stucker is a University of Kentucky graduate, a businesswoman, a mother, a columnist for The Hamburg Journal and a former Mrs. U.S. Globe (2005). She will compete in the televised Mrs. America Pageant in Arizona in the fall.

TEVA All-American

The Lexington Thoroughbred Elite Volleyball Alliance finished fifth out of 71 teams in the 14-and-under club division in the AAU national championships in Florida. TEVA's Kendall Beerman was voted to the All-American team. Also on the squad are Jackie Britt, Sarah Jenkins, Annie King, Emma Landers, Emily McClendon, Danielle Merryman, Brittany Smith, Emily Stromberg and Gabbi Thatcher. TEVA is coached by Mark McCloskey, Jenni Morgan and Wendie Diehart.

Explorium hours

The Explorium of Lexington is extending its hours for summer. The museum will be open each Thursday until 8 p.m. and on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In other Explorium news, Fifth Third Bank will donate $53 to the museum for each qualified checking or savings account opened before July 31. Visit a local bank branch for more information.

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EDUCATION NOTES

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

■ The Fayette County Bar Association, through the Henry T. Duncan Fund, recently awarded the following eight college scholarships for 2009:

Matthew T. Bojanowski, Henry Clay High School; **Mollie Greenberg,** Lafayette High School; **Justin Harris,** Lexington Christian Academy; **Mary-Taylor Kersey,** Lexington Catholic High School; **Alex Riggs,** Paul Laurence Dunbar High School; **Abdel-Sater Shalash,** Tates Creek High School; **Thomas Edward Gentry Spears,** Sayre School; and **Kelsey Truman,** Bryan Station High School.

■ The Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants has awarded scholarships to the following University of Kentucky accounting students: **Jessica Birchwell, Bryan Bulkley, Stephanie Huntsman** and **Emily Keller.**

The KyCPA is a statewide, non-profit professional organization serving CPAs in public accounting firms, business, industry, government and education.

■ A researcher at the University of Kentucky College of Social Work has received a federal grant to develop best practice recommendations to manage the needs of children affected by pandemic containment in the commonwealth.

The UK funding of nearly $1 million is part of a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security through its agreement with the National Institute for Hometown Security. UK partnered with the University of Louisville on the grant, which could total $4.6 million over three years. This research collaboration is aimed at detection, preparedness, protection, response and recovery involving future pandemic outbreaks.

Ginny Sprang, the Buckhorn Professor of Child Welfare and Children's Mental Health and the executive director of the Center for the Study of Violence Against Children, is the principal investigator on UK's portion of the research. Other UK researchers involved in the project include **Jim Clark**, co-principal investigator; and **Miriam Silma, Charmaine Mohipp** and **Phyllis Leigh**.

■ Henry Clay High School graduate and Transylvania University

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Fourth and fun

As the Fourth of July approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of this nation, how well do we really know our U.S. history?

For example, did you know that John Adams thought that future generations would celebrate Independence Day on July 2, not July 4? Did you know that three former presidents died on July 4? Or that King George III allegedly said in 1783 that if George Washington retired to his Mount Vernon home rather than seizing power after winning the war, Washington would be "the greatest man on earth." (By the way, that's exactly what Washington did; he became president in 1789, after helping to draft the Constitution.)

Be the life of your cookout by sharing these historical gems. And while you are at it, see whether you can find the following items in the illustration above: A watermelon, six mice, a squirrel, a kite, a key, a Red Bull, a sun, two seashells, a clock, a musical note, a dog and three writing quills. (Hint: Check the frame.)

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Holiday calendar: The Fourth of July celebration starts today in Lexington and elsewhere. **Page B4**

Three U.S. presidents died on July 4:

John Adams, our second president, and Thomas Jefferson, our third chief executive, died within hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1826. James Monroe, president No. 5, died July 4, 1831. Our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge, was born July 4, 1872.

Thomas Jefferson had long pondered his epitaph and wrote out exactly what he wanted on his tombstone. His impressive list of accomplishments included being author of the Declaration of Independence and founder of the University of Virginia. But he failed to mention one biggie: his role as the third president of the United States.

The current president of the United States earns $400,000 a year and the vice president takes in $221,100, but that's peanuts compared to what George Washington earned. His $25,000 annual salary would be the equivalent of a cool million in today's dollars. Reportedly, he splurged on leopard robes for his horses and spent upwards of seven percent of his income on alcohol.

Thomas Jefferson was truly a man of the people. He prohibited visitors from bowing, a carryover from the days of royalty, and insisted on a friendly handshake instead. Mr. Casual once welcomed a British minister to the White House by answering the door in his pajamas.

When exactly did the American colonies declare independence? On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress approved a resolution of independence; on July 4, it approved a final draft of the Declaration of Independence, which John Hancock and Charles Thompson promptly signed. The majority of delegates didn't sign the document until Aug. 2, 1776.

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