



cincy moms .com
 Where Moms Rule

What one mom says:
"I am addicted to this site."

THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

CINCINNATI.COM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007

LN \$1.50

Up Front

Must reads inside today's Enquirer

Pancake breakfast a tradition of food, fellowship

The pancake breakfast is a tradition for fire companies, American Legion posts, schools and churches. But the sense of fellowship draws more people than the food.

LOCAL B1

After the thaw, Alaska worth trip

Alaska's winter won't budge any time soon, but new adventures in a spectacular landscape are warming up for May.

TRAVEL F1

LCA-Vision's future getting brighter

The announcement of strong fourth-quarter results sent the vision correction company's stock soaring. It finally closed at \$46.13.

BUSINESS D1

Ohio changes way of filling bench

Hoping to change the way Ohio selects judges, an appointments panel will screen and nominate candidates to fill a bench vacancy.

FORUM E1

Sunday Extras...

■ **USA WEEKEND:** Celebrate the season-opening race as NASCAR hits Daytona Beach.

■ **TV WEEK:** "NCIS," an investigative drama, is a strong contender on Tuesdays for CBS.



An edition of The Cincinnati Enquirer

Speak Up!

"Speak Up! Comment on this story" notations now appear in our online edition at the top of all Enquirer stories, reviews, columns, editorials and letters to the editor. By clicking on the "Speak Up!" box, readers can post a comment and read those of others. Go online to Cincinnati.com and join the conversation.

WEATHER

High 28°
 Low 11°
 Flurries

COMPLETE FORECAST: B8

INDEX

12 sections, 166th year, No. 315
 A&E J1 Movies J2-3
 Business D1 Obituaries B6
 Forum E1 Region B3
 Life F6-8 Sports C1
 Lotteries B8 TV TV Week
 Classified G1-12, H1-20, I1-12
 First Run Classified A23

Copyright, 2007, The Cincinnati Enquirer



Portions of today's Enquirer were printed on recycled paper

Baker may take stand Monday

By Barrett J. Brunzman
 bbrunzman@enquirer.com

Live-in girlfriend will tell her version of Liz Carroll's role in Marcus' death

BATAVIA—Liz Carroll and Amy Baker were the kind of girlfriends who shared everything.

That included a house, a man and — for a while — the secret about the disappearance of Carroll's 3-year-old foster son, Marcus Fiesel.

Now, the main thing they have in common is that they blame each other for killing the developmentally delayed child.



Baker

"I can't wait to get Amy Baker on the witness stand," the defense at-

torney for Carroll, Gregory Cohen, told The Enquirer.

He made the statement before a gag order was placed on lawyers in the case in September by Judge Robert Ringland of the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas.

After the trial resumes at 9 a.m., it's possible jurors will also hear testimony from Baker's mother, The-

resa Chapman, of Amelia. Cohen had a subpoena issued for her, demanding that she appear at the courthouse on Monday morning.

Also subpoenaed by Cohen — but now unlikely to testify — is news reporter Deborah Dixon, who has been covering the trial for WKRC-TV (Channel 12).

See **AMY**, Page **A4**

LIZ CARROLL TRIAL



MARCUS: TRAGIC END

Inside, online

■ David Carroll's shadow hangs over trial. **A4**

■ Go to Cincinnati.com to see stories, photos and videos and get trial updates.

Keyword: **Marcus**

His horse buckled. They doubted he'd ever ride again. But a year later, Perry Ouzts hopes to be on his way to an incredible 5,000th win.



Jockey **Perry Ouzts** was severely injured in a horse race in January 2000. Some thought he'd never race again. Instead, he's back looking for his 5,000th win.

Meggan Booker/
 The Enquirer

A Remarkable Tale of Determination

By Shannon Russell | srussell@nky.com

The race was almost over when the thoroughbred's front legs buckled beneath him. *Buckled.* Nobody saw it coming, not even jockey Perry Ouzts.

He'd been racing as he always had, a whip in his raised right hand, when Finders Chance came to a sudden, horrendous halt near Turfway Park's quarter-pole in January 2006. Forty mph to zero in no time flat.

A thousand pounds of animal flesh thudded onto the Polytrack, and Ouzts was flying, falling, hitting the ground with the force of his 5-foot-1, 105-pound frame. Four of his vertebrae cracked. Another was crushed.

And dear God, more horses were coming. The jockey behind Ouzts tried to dodge

him but other horses had wedged him in and there was just no way, no way at all, to avoid the crumpled body on the ground. A horse clipped Ouzts' right arm and snapped his bone so awkwardly it protruded from his flesh.

After the pack passed, Ouzts found himself looking directly into his fallen horse's eyes. He knew the gelding would step all over him if it stood, so he kicked the animal to push it away. The plan backfired. Finders Chance trampled Ouzts' left leg so hard it was black and blue from hip to toe and only five days later did the swelling ease.

See **OUZTS**, Page **A10**



The Enquirer/Gary Landers

Ouzts guides Snappy Little Cat at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington in 2004. Before his injury, Ouzts was riding about 1,400 horses a year, sometimes six or seven a day.

BY THE NUMBERS

1973
 Year Perry Ouzts won his first race, at Beulah Park

4,916
 Ouzts wins

4,790
 Ouzts second-place finishes

4,705
 Ouzts third-place finishes

12.5
 Years Ouzts has lived in Hebron

14
 Years between Ouzts' major accidents

105
 Ouzts' weight

52
 Ouzts' age

Inside, A11

■ Tracks nationwide upgrading insurance to protect jockeys.

Iraq war resolution fails in Senate

Dems seek to portray 56-34 vote as victory

By David Espo
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a sharply worded showdown Saturday in the Senate, Republicans foiled a Democratic bid to repudiate President Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops.

The 56-34 vote fell four short of the 60 needed to advance a nonbinding measure identical to one the House passed Friday. Seven GOP senators broke ranks, compared with only two during an earlier test on the issue.

Democrats swiftly claimed victory. "A majority of the United States Senate is against the escalation in Iraq," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "As for the Republicans who chose once again to block further debate and protect President Bush, the American people now know they support the escalation" in troops.

Republicans blasted the Democratic leadership for refusing to allow a vote on an alternative that ruled out any reduction in money for troops in the field.

"There is no place for chicanery at a time of war," said Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "Even some of the president's most strident opponents know that. They know that the only vote that truly matters in a vote on whether to fund the troops."

The White House echoed his remarks, issuing a written statement that touched lightly on the votes in the House and Senate.



Reid

Inside, A12

■ Bombings kill 11 as U.S. attacks insurgents.
 ■ Rice: Plain talk for Iraqi leaders.

Eminent-domain fallout

What can be done with empty Norwood lots?

It's been almost two years since Rookwood Partners spent more than \$20 million to buy and demolish homes in Norwood to build a \$125 million complex. The Ohio Supreme Court shattered that dream with its precedent-setting eminent-domain decision.

Now, the 75-parcel chunk sits unused, home to three houses whose owners refused to sell.

So what are the best development options for the 11-acre site? Three planning and development professionals offer their suggestions.

LOCAL B5



To see a clip of Perry Ouzts racing, view the story online at Cincinnati.com and click the video link. **Keyword: video**



BATTLE OF THE BRANDS



HURRY IN TODAY! • SALE ENDS MONDAY!

MATTRESS WAREHOUSE

www.mattresswarehouse.com