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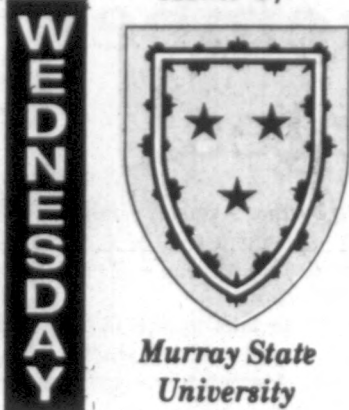
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Santa Project spreads cheer

By AMY WILSON
Managing Editor

As families across the nation are preparing to celebrate Christmas, volunteers in Murray and Calloway County are putting the finishing touches on the Santa Project.

Just last week, workers were concerned that there wouldn't be enough resources available to meet the needs of the more than 975 children who had been identified as needing assistance.

Thanks to an influx of donations, all children on the list will receive a visit from Santa.

"As far as we can tell, all children have been served," said Donna Herndon, coordinator of the Calloway County Family Resource Center. "I've left my phone number on the door at the center in case there are any last minute needs."

The goal of the Santa Project is to help children who normally would not have had a visit from Santa because of financial constraints.

"As these needs come in, we will continue to take care of them," Herndon said. "We had people walking in to the center or calling all week to give us donations. I am so glad they have come in. I really feel at this point if

we don't have enough, we'll get the help we need. We operate on faith. This community cares about its kids."

In operating the project, Herndon emphasized the importance of maintaining the dignity of the parents. Many times, they are unable to provide gifts for their children because of some unforeseen financial difficulties such as medical bills or unemployment.

"Some of the parents have asked how they could express their appreciation," Herndon said. "We offered index cards

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LOCAL

Ledger offices set to close for Christmas

Because of the Christmas holidays, the business offices of the Ledger & Times will close at 11 a.m. Thursday and will not open until regular hours on Monday.

There will be no edition of the Ledger & Times either Friday or Saturday.

The television guide will be in Monday's edition of the Ledger & Times.

The Murray Ledger & Times wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

City garbage pickup to run in advance

City garbage pickup will run one day in advance during the weeks of Dec. 21-25 and Dec. 28-Jan. 1 because of the holidays.

Customers scheduled for pickups on Tuesdays through Fridays should set their garbage out a day earlier than usual.

The Murray Transfer Station will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1.

NATIONAL

Boy gets letter from Santa

DALLAS (AP) — Sixth-grader Anthony McKinney wrote a desperate letter to Santa Claus asking for winter clothes, a couple of toys — and maybe a way to cook dinner.

He said he had never known his father, his mother had died in a traffic accident years ago, and he had bronchitis and chronic asthma.

The letter arrived at the Dallas main post office about a year ago, too late for an annual charity project, so it went into a file with other unanswered "Dear Santa" letters.

Postal worker Kim Paulissen ran across the letter a few days ago and it brought tears to her eyes.

And when Ms. Paulissen visited the McKinneys, she found that their drafty home in Sandbranch, about 20 miles south of Dallas, had no gas.

Anthony told his grandmother he never gave up on his letter to Santa.

"I knew they'd come around sometime," he said.

WEATHER

Tonight... Snow...Tapering off to flurries early. Total accumulation 1 to 3 inches. Low 15 to 20. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday... Mostly cloudy and cold with morning flurries possible. High in the mid 20s.

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Clinton focuses on homeless

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a last burst of public policy-making before Christmas, President Clinton is examining programs for the homeless.

The president was traveling today to a Boys and Girls Club in the Baltimore community of Pleasant View to highlight programs there that help homeless people find a place to live and rebuild their lives.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the trip with Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo is meant to preview the housing aspects of the federal budget "as we move forward next year into the budget season."

After returning from Baltimore, the president will settle in for a quiet Christmas holiday at the White House with his family, Lockhart said. He is expected to remain at the White House until Dec. 30, when he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton depart for the annual Renaissance Weekend retreat in Hilton Head, S.C.

Clinton began putting himself in the Christmas mood on Tuesday, reading "A Visit from St. Nicholas" — more popularly known by its opening line, "'Twas the night before Christmas," — to about 50 children who chimed in with many of the words and gave him hugs.

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U.S. pledges to stand firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the future of U.N. weapons inspections clouded, the Clinton administration is standing firm on keeping economic pressure on Iraq unless it gets rid of its remaining chemical and biological weapons.

Iraq must be prepared "to move toward disarmament" and must not threaten its neighbors or the Kurds to get the sanctions lifted that were imposed by the U.N. Security Council after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said Tuesday.

A U.S.-led military force pushed the Iraqis out of Kuwait in 1991. U.N. weapons inspections began after the war. Iraq's latest refusal to cooperate prompted the United States and Britain to bomb it last week.

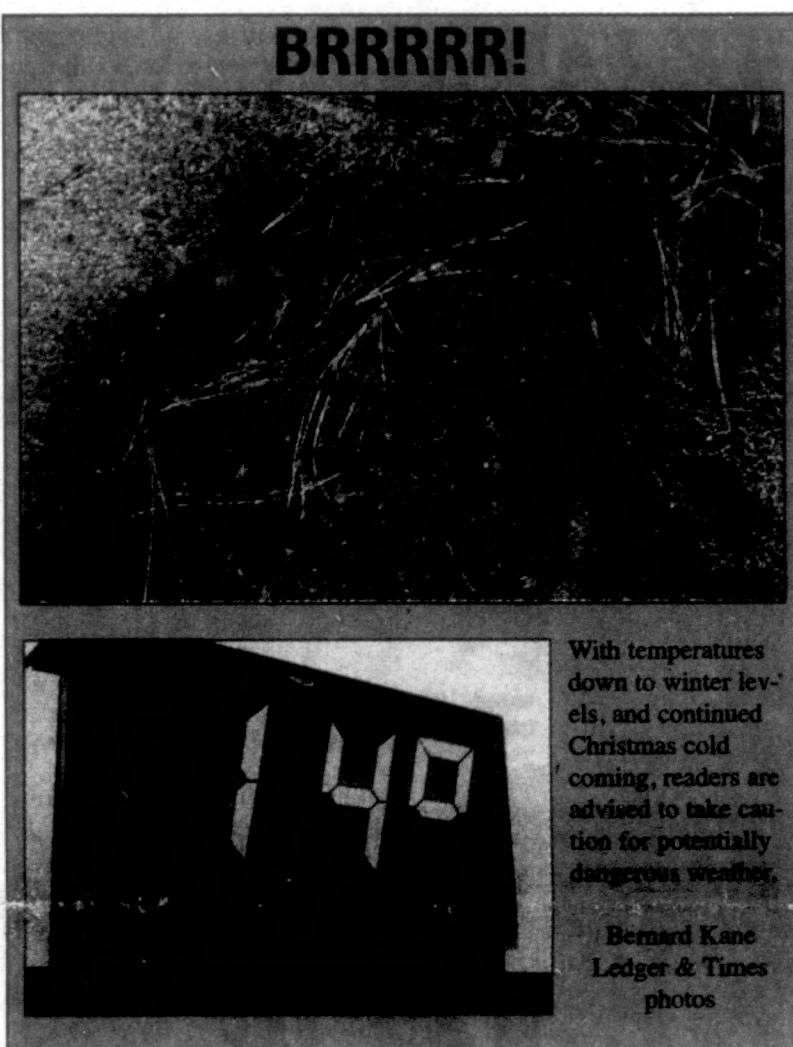
Battling to save the inspection system, the administration said it was up to Chairman Richard Butler and his U.N. Special Commission on Iraq to decide how to operate in Iraq.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective in the pursuit of the mission," Pickering said.

Three of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Russia, China and France — objected to the four-day U.S. and British bombing attack. In its aftermath, they could be getting ready to try to end the eight-year-old U.N. oil embargo on Iraq, revise the inspection commission and force out Butler as its chief.

Pickering said at a news conference that the United States would be willing to consider boosting an exemption from the embargo that permits Iraq to sell \$5.2 billion worth of oil every six months, provided the proceeds are used for food and medicine.

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With temperatures down to winter levels, and continued Christmas cold coming, readers are advised to take caution for potentially dangerous weather.

Bernard Kane
Ledger & Times
photos

Murray gears up for snow

By DAVID RAMEY
Staff Writer

Get out the Bing Crosby music. Murray will be enjoying a white Christmas.

The National Weather Service's forecast for western Kentucky includes snow developing by late Wednesday with one to three inches of accumulation expected Wednesday night.

Law enforcement officials advised early Wednesday morning that roads were becoming slick and hazardous.

City street workers were preparing for the expected storm Wednesday morning.

"Let it come," Thomas Clendenen, Murray's street superintendent joked Wednesday. "We're ready for it."

While Clendenen wasn't ready to sing "Let it snow, Let it snow,"

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Crackdown hits parents

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Prosecutors are getting tougher on truants' parents, often threatening them with jail, in an attempt to curb the problem in Fayette County's public schools.

Most of the 33,000 students show up for class each morning, but there is a persistent core of about 570 students, labeled "habitual truants," who skip weeks or months of school each year.

Fayette County Attorney Margaret Kannensohn has charged 45 parents since February and nearly 20 have pleaded guilty.

Last week, Luella Hager, a single mother, received a six-month jail term for allowing her two daughters to miss months of elementary school. She is free on bond pending a review of the conviction.

It might startle the public to see parents landing behind bars when their kids cut class, but some

educators say this bare-knuckled attack on habitual truancy is long overdue.

"I think it's fantastic," said Wayne Young, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators.

"It's inexcusable for parents to say they can't get their 7- or 8- or 9-year-old child to school. At that point, it's not a failure of the child, it's a failure of the parent," said Young.

Kannensohn justifies her approach by noting that children who fail out of school are more likely to end up on welfare or in prison. By forcing parents to get their children to class, she said, she can help both the child and the overall community.

This year, Kannensohn has relied on a Class A misdemeanor — unlawful transaction with a minor — which comes with a jail term of up to one year.

The charge usually is wielded against people who give alcohol to minors or involve them in crimes. But a little-used provision also covers anyone who contributes to the habitual truancy of a child.

The 45 parents Kannensohn charged share some common traits. Their kids have missed school since an early age. The parents have ignored the warning letters and face-to-face meetings organized by school officials.

Hager became pregnant at age 15 with the first of four children and dropped out of eighth grade.

After two decades of spotty employment, Hager still hasn't obtained a General Educational Development certificate. She and her daughters, ages 7 and 10, survive on food stamps and other welfare assistance.

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Former area doctor taken into custody

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Czech Republic authorities on Tuesday were holding a former Paducah pathologist who had been on the run for two decades after being convicted of abusing and molesting young boys.

Dr. C. Bronston Jones was taken into custody at Prague International Airport on Sunday morning while traveling from the United Arab Emirates to Sweden, said Charles Riley III, special agent in charge of the FBI in Kentucky.

Jones, 61, was being held pending the formal filing of extradition papers. Commonwealth's Attorney Tim Kaltenbach said FBI officials were hopeful that the Czech Republic would agree to allow Jones to be returned to McCracken County. If Jones appeals the extradition attempt, the process could take up to a year, Kaltenbach said.

"You don't ever like to see anyone be successful in avoiding

punishment for committing crimes, especially when they have the wealth and ability to flee the country," Kaltenbach said. "This shows that it may be slow, but the system is working. Of course, it won't be over until he finally gets back here."

The arrest came after Kentucky officials filed a fugitive notice with Interpol, which promotes assistance among police agencies in more than 150 countries.

In summer 1977, Jones, a specialist in treating diseases, was accused of molesting several young boys. Most of the alleged molestations took place when the boys, mostly sons of prominent friends, were visiting Jones in his home.

A McCracken Circuit Court jury in November 1977 convicted Jones on two counts of sodomy, seven counts of sexual abuse and three

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BERNARD KANE/Ledger & Times photo

CHRISTMAS CHEER: U.S. Marine PFC Robert Reynolds gives McKensie Tucker a Beanie Baby during her stay in the hospital Tuesday. Tucker, 4, was being treated for dehydration. The Marines delivered toys to all children at Murray-Calloway County Hospital as part of the Toys for Tots program.

Winter weather hits

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press Writer

For cold weather lovers, this is more like it. And for those dreaming of a white Christmas, their dreams might come true.

The season's most powerful blast of cold air iced the nation on the first full day of winter. The blustery, messy weather caught people off guard Tuesday from Southern California to Mississippi, and ended a snow drought in some Eastern ski areas as it sneaked in on the heels of balmy weather.

Within hours temperatures plummeted 30 degrees in several Pennsylvania cities.

"It's crazy, man, how fast it changed," Claude Reynolds, a student in Pittsburgh, said as he waited for a bus wearing a thick black goose-down-filled jacket and leather gloves.

At snow-starved Kissing Bridge ski resort in Glenwood, N.Y., south of Buffalo, a snowy forecast was a godsend.

"It's like a grand slam in the ninth inning when you're down four runs," said Mark Halter, president of Kissing Bridge.

The storm dropped about a foot of snow on Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula, and some western counties reported accumulations of up to 5 inches.

"Everybody is looking forward to the holidays," said Doug Beard,

assistant manager Bavarian Village Ski and Golf in Traverse City, Mich. "We've got snow, the skiing is good. Everyone is happy."

Snow also fell in northwestern Pennsylvania and was forecast for the Poconos.

The weather service forecast a 70 percent chance of a white Christmas in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia areas; odds were lower for the rest of the state.

"Actually I hope it stays this way," said Cindy Schmidt, as she huddled outside in downtown Pittsburgh during a cigarette break. "Isn't it great? It's almost Christmas!"

Ice also turned roads deadly, contributing to numerous traffic deaths Tuesday in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

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"If it gets bad, our men will work around the clock so we can have a 24-hour concentration on the streets," Clendenen said.

The state highway department handles U.S. 641 and Kentucky highways 94 and 121 in the city.

City streets are divided into two priority lists.

"We try to clear the main thoroughfares first and also the area around the hospital," Clendenen said.

The forecast calls for possible snow showers on Thursday and on Christmas day. High temperatures could reach into the 40s by Sunday.

But for now, residents should prepare for the winter season.

"For those who want a white Christmas, it is good news," Clendenen said. "Last year was more my speed. Clear."

Council member faces charges

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

A newly elected Murray City councilman has been charged with drunken driving after being stopped by sheriff's deputies responding to a report of a domestic dispute and assault.

R.C. Jones, 64, of Fox Meadows Drive, was released Wednesday morning from the Calloway County Detention Center on \$500 unsecured bond. He is charged with first-offense driving while under the influence.

Jones was injured Tuesday afternoon after being hit during a fight at the Steve Colson residence on Seth Lane, according to Calloway County Sheriff Stan Scott.

The incident, which was reported at 3:48 p.m. Tuesday, began when Jones allegedly exposed himself to a woman at the residence, Scott said.

Jones left the scene and was stopped 30 to 40 minutes later on North 16th Street by a sheriff's deputy, Scott said.

In other reports, city police have charged Tyler A. Powers with drunken driving after he was injured in a one-vehicle accident early Wednesday morning.

Powers, 19, of Streamwood, Ill., remained in jail under a \$500 cash bond on a charge of DUI and reckless driving.

Powers lost control of his Jeep after turning off North 17th Street

onto Farmer Avenue, veered off the road and hit a tree in a yard, according to a Murray Police Department report.

He was later treated for cuts and bruises at Murray-Calloway County Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said.

A passenger, Zachary L. Cunningham, 18, of Edinborough Drive, was uninjured. He was charged with alcohol intoxication.

Elsewhere, the Grinch has had a head start on stealing Christmas this year - at least on Irvin Street, where two homeowners reported burglars snatching presents from beneath their Christmas trees.

Bonnie L. Smith reported \$134 worth of presents taken from her home, apparently by someone forcing open the house's back door, between 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, a police report said.

A neighbor, Scott Mays, reported Christmas presents and some jewelry, with a combined value of \$585, taken between 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Tuesday after someone apparently went in the unlocked front door, the report said.

In other police reports, Milton Thomas Kirkenmeier of Yarbrough Drive has reported \$500 worth of furniture taken from a North Fourth Street storage unit in October.

Kirkenmeier, who learned of the theft a week after it happened, reported it Monday afternoon, the report said.

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counts of indecent and immoral practices with a child. The charges involved eight boys under the age of 12.

The next month, Judge Lloyd Emery sentenced Jones to 59 years in prison but allowed him to remain free on a \$100,000 unsecured bond while his conviction was appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Jones skipped a bond-review hearing on Jan. 5, 1978, and was charged with felony bail jumping. A federal arrest warrant was issued, charging him with unlawful flight to avoid incarceration.

Jones first went to Sweden, where the government four times - the latest being last year - refused extradition requests. The Paducah Sun reported in a copy-right story Tuesday. Officials said he recently moved to the United Arab Emirates.

Authorities said they thought it would be easier to extradite Jones from the Czech Republic because of a 1925 treaty that allows for the return of fugitives convicted of sexually abusing children under

14, Kaltenbach said. No similar extradition treaty exists in Sweden.

Gov. Paul Patton's office agreed to pay the cost of extradition, estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Upon his return, Jones will face a felony charge of bail jumping, which is punishable by one to five years in prison, in addition to sentencing on the 1977 convictions.

Kaltenbach said the FBI contacted him last week and asked if he was interested in having Jones

returned to Kentucky but didn't tell him how they learned Jones would be traveling.

"I told them I was interested and would do anything I could to get him back here," Kaltenbach said.

The FBI requested and received several documents, including evidence that the boys he was convicted of molesting were under 14 years of age. The agency then decided to arrest Jones at the Prague airport.

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With oil prices in decline, more oil may have to be sold to purchase food, although Iraq is deliberately limiting its production, the senior American diplomat said.

And, Pickering said, the United States would take "a careful look" at a Russian proposal to convene the 22 political commissioners next month for an "updated assessment" of UNSCOM's operations.

But he dismissed France's proposal to change the inspection system. The United States intends to keep relying on "the technical and

professional expertise" of Butler and his commission, Pickering said.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective, and intervention by the Security Council in dictating the work, role, personnel system and activities of UNSCOM ... would not be wise, would not be effective and would not be acceptable," he said.

Pickering flew to New York on Monday to discuss the U.S. view with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. And Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke by telephone Tuesday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

Parents...

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Of the parents who have pleaded guilty, their 30- to 90-day jail sentences were suspended so long as their children go to school, and school officials report success with these children so far.

"What good does it do to lock up these mothers?" asked Karen Mead, the public defender who represented Hager and several other truancy parents.

"If the kids go into foster care, they're no better off," Mead said. "Why spend all of that money on keeping a poor mother in jail instead of hiring extra social workers to help the family?"

As Kannensohn files more of the unlawful transaction charges, and Hager's case moves through the appeals system, other school districts are watching.

In Oldham County, parents of truant students still face the less serious "status-offense" charges in juvenile court. But that could always change, said Joe Jacovino, director of pupil personnel for the Oldham County public schools.

Kannensohn's approach "sounds like an intriguing way to address the problem. I'll be very curious to see how it works out," Jacovino said.

Santa...

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and a box and they wrote little notes.

"I am really thankful for the community's response," she said. "There are hidden stories many times."

Sometimes the requests are as simple as toys or sporting equipment, while others involve clothing, toiletry items and medicine.

"We had a \$1,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor and we have met that many times over," Herndon said. "We have had a lot of people who have never given before and we appreciate them."

Anyone needing more information may contact Herndon at 753-7784.

Here are some excerpts of letters submitted by parents:

"Today has been a day I'll never forget. I've always been able to take care of my son, but Santa has truly been a Godsend. Bless you all and Merry Christmas."

"Thank you so very much! You guys have saved me from a night-

mare. Santa has never forgotten my kids - this year I was afraid he might. I'm a first-time recipient - I'll never forget your generosity."

"If our community didn't come together at this time of year, I really do not know what my children would do. This is a wonderful project. I want to take this time to thank you all."

"My family and I very much appreciate so much what has been done. We have had some very hard times this year and this makes me see there are still people who care. I will always hold them close to my heart. It's very hard to show how much this means."

"Thank you. This will make my Christmas for many reasons because I could not afford to do this myself. Through the generosity of this program, my children's wishes and dreams come true and therefore, so do mine."

"I've just started to work and trying to catch up on the bills that were behind. Christmas here would have been very slim if it wasn't for you."

Clinton...

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"If you don't know the words, that's OK," Clinton said as he and the first lady settled on a long red bench in the White House East Room with Nanna Chen, 8, sandwiched between them.

The children came through with the better-known stanzas of Clement C. Moore's 1822 poem about a father's Christmas Eve encounter with Santa Claus.

When Clinton finished, most of the children raced off for cookies and other treats. A few lined up and hugged the president. Andrew Smith, 6, whispered in Clinton's ear, and Tyron Dingell, 8, gave him a Christmas tree made of green construction paper.

Clinton fit the reading in before a regular meeting with aides about Social Security and a pair of holiday receptions in the White House residence for about 500 people.

Wearing a tie featuring Christmas trees, Clinton paused during the reading to show the children his favorite illustrations from the

book, saying, "It has great pictures."

Fortney Stark, the 3-year-old son of Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., scooted close to Clinton's feet, plopping his worn Winnie the Pooh bear on the floor beside him.

The Clintons did not sing Christmas carols this year, leaving that job to Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, a chorale dressed in turn-of-the-century garb and a tall Rudolph the reindeer, whose red nose flashed in time with the singing.

They did pose for a photograph, with the president coordinating the shot to make sure every child's face could be seen.

Mrs. Clinton showed the children a copy of "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy," her book of children's letters to the presidential pets. Pointing to a picture of Clinton and his dog on the golf course, she said, "He's a great golfer, Buddy is," and surveyed the children about their pets.

"Who has a cat and a dog?" she asked.

A third of the children raised their hands. So did the president.

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AROUND THE NATION

Hillary Clinton rests aggravated back

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is trying to stay off her feet this holiday season after aggravating a previously injured back muscle.

The injury, suffered last spring, flared up last week as a result of too much walking and standing during several days, Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said Tuesday.

"She has pulled a muscle that has made it difficult for her to stay on her feet for long," Berry said. "So, she's staying off her feet."

Despite the stiffness, Mrs. Clinton has continued with her holiday activities. She was moving slowly as she greeted children who came to the White House to hear President Clinton read a holiday story, but otherwise showed no discomfort.

Safety regulators issue holiday list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal safety regulators released a list of recalled toys on Tuesday that are still being used by consumers despite their potential to injure or kill children.

"We do a good job getting recalled toys off store shelves," said Ann Brown, chairwoman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. "The real challenge is to get recalled toys out of people's homes."

The list includes lawn darts; Power Wheels, a battery-powered vehicle that children can ride but poses a fire hazard because of faulty wiring; Soft Walkin' Wheels, toy trucks with small wheel hubs that pose choking hazards; Flying Dolls, a spinning toy with plastic wings that can fly off and cause eye injuries; and various toy chests that have lids that can entrap or strangle children.

For more information and a complete list of recalled toys, consumers may call the CPSC hotline at 800-638-2772 or visit the agency's Web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

The CPSC on Tuesday also announced a recall of more than 10 million toy basketball sets because of loose netting that can strangle children. At least 20 children under the age of 5 have become entangled in the nets over the past decade, the agency reported. In 1992, an 18-month-old child was strangled in one of the sets.

U.S. considers expelling diplomats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State department is considering whether to expel three Cuban diplomats for alleged espionage in the United States, The Washington Post reported today.

Government officials told the Cuban delegation to the United Nations Monday night that the United States tentatively planned to order the three to leave the country, according to the paper.

The department gave the Cuban mission 24 hours to argue against expelling the three unidentified diplomats, it said.

The El Nuevo Herald, a Spanish language paper published by The Miami Herald, quoted a source as saying Cuban officials had not responded as of an hour after the 24-hour deadline passed late Tuesday.

Trial would put Rehnquist in spotlight

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a short walk across the street from the Supreme Court to the Capitol, where Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist would preside over President Clinton's impeachment trial.

But the trip will take him from the relative anonymity of the television-free court into millions of American living rooms.

Rehnquist would be only the second chief justice to preside over a presidential impeachment trial, but the first to conduct at least some of the proceedings on TV.

While the high-profile trial might mean he would no longer go virtually unnoticed on his daily strolls outside the Supreme Court building, many court watchers say he is a good fit for the role.

"He will run a very fair, efficient proceeding and he will not allow it to get out of control,"

said Washington lawyer Theodore Olson, who has often argued before the highest court.

Charles Cooper, a former law clerk to Rehnquist and a frequent advocate before the high court, predicted the chief justice would use his authority to keep an impeachment trial "focused on the facts that are relevant and keep the extraneous or purely political stuff to a minimum."

Rehnquist is keeping his thoughts about an impeachment trial to himself. But at the court, he is known for his calm, gentlemanly manner and ability to run a tight ship.

The 74-year-old Rehnquist, nominated by President Nixon, joined the high court in 1972. He became the nation's 16th chief justice when promoted by President Reagan in 1986.

He is one of the court's most conservative members but is well-liked by colleagues of all ideologies.

Rehnquist seemingly hates to waste time. He keeps oral arguments to a strict one-hour limit and has shortened the justices' private conferences. When a major snowstorm shut down most of Washington in January 1996, the chief justice kept the Supreme Court open for business.

At the Supreme Court, the chief justice acts as presiding officer and has one of nine votes. At a Senate impeachment trial, Rehnquist would have no vote and a limited role as presiding officer. He would rule on questions involving evidence and other incidental matters, but a simple majority vote of senators could override his judgment.

Rehnquist already is somewhat of an expert on impeachment. His 1992 book, "Grand Inquests," detailed the 1868 Senate impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, presided over by Chief Justice Salmon Chase, and the 1805 impeachment trial of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase.

What would the Supreme Court do with Rehnquist occupied by an impeachment trial?

"I think our daily routine won't be affected by it, but the chief justice's certainly would if he has to preside," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told a group of high school students last week.

If the Senate convenes in the afternoons, as current rules require, the chief justice would be free to hear cases argued earlier in the day.

Dealmaker Hastert 'no ideologue'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The record of House Speaker-in-waiting J. Dennis Hastert's career in Congress earns him perfect scores from business and conservative groups — and zeroes across the board from labor unions and liberal interests.

But don't mistake him as a standard-bearer for religious conservatives in the Republican Party — even though he is likely to agree with them on nearly every issue, say those familiar with the Illinois Republican's views.

"He's basically as conservative as any leader in the Republican Party has got to be to be elected to leadership," says Hastert's mentor, former House Minority Leader Bob Michel of Illinois. "But he's not an ideologue."

Hastert, now the House leadership's No. 2 vote-counter, appears certain to be formally anointed as

Republicans' candidate for speaker on Jan. 5. He is expected to be elected to the top job by the full House when the 106th Congress convenes a day later.

During six terms in Congress representing a GOP-leaning slice of farmland and far-flung western Chicago suburbs, the well-liked Hastert has made his mark brokering back-room compromises that balance many competing interests.

A former high school teacher, Hastert has carved out a legislative niche as his party's leader on health care issues. Outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., this year assigned him the task of crafting a managed-care reform bill to undercut the Democrat patients' bill of rights, which would have allowed consumers to sue HMOs.

Hastert also mediated a 1996 stalemate between Democrats and Republicans that resulted in an

experiment with tax-favored medical savings accounts, and was instrumental in enacting legislation that helps workers stay insured when they move between jobs.

But despite Hastert's moderate-mannered ability to work across the aisle — and between factions in the Republican Party — Hastert is deeply conservative at heart.

He is an evangelical Christian who opposes abortion and advocates lower taxes, a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution and the death penalty. And he spearheaded the GOP's highly partisan fight against using sampling techniques to take the next census.

Such groups as the National Right to Life Committee, the Christian Coalition, the Chamber of Commerce and the National Rifle Association all gave his voting record perfect scores of 100.

Meanwhile, the liberal Americans for Democratic Action, the American Civil Liberties Union and labor organizations such as the AFL-CIO and the Teamsters each gave Hastert zero points.

"He is a hide-bound, rock-ribbed Illinois conservative," said Amy Isaacs, the ADA's national director.

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County girl hospitalized after two-car accident**Staff Report**

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A Creek Drive girl remained in a Paducah hospital's intensive care unit Tuesday with a concussion she received in a two-car accident here.

Quatrain Mathis, 12, was listed in stable condition Tuesday afternoon, according to a Lourdes Hospital nurse.

Mathis was a passenger in a car driven by Serbian M. Parrish, 32, of the same Creek Drive address, Sunday afternoon, according to a Calloway County Sheriff's Department report.

Parrish was eastbound on Kentucky 280 four miles east of Murray about 4:45 p.m. Sunday when David L. Wrye, 45, pulled his truck out of his Pottertown Road driveway into the path of Parrish's car, causing a collision, the report said.

Wrye, who reportedly said he didn't see Parrish's car before pulling out, was later charged with having an expired driver's license.

According to a Murray-Calloway County Hospital spokesman, Mathis was taken to the MCCCH emergency room, then on to Lourdes, while Parrish was treated for multiple bruises at the local hospital and released.

In other weekend accident reports, a Clinton couple were injured Saturday morning when they failed to make a curve on Paschall Road.

Joseph Mehr, 20, was treated for cuts at the hospital, and Lisa Mehr, 16, was treated for back strain when their Jeep went off the road about six miles south of Murray, cut across two yards and rolled down an embankment, the report said.

Joseph Mehr said the couple were arguing and he was driving too fast when he came to the curve about 10 a.m., the report said. He was later charged with having expired registration plates and no insurance.

Three hours earlier, deputies worked a one-vehicle accident that injured two men.

Robert Burton, 23, of Hazel, and Randy Burton, 22, of Puryear, Tenn., were treated at the hospital for multiple bruises and released, a report said.

Robert Burton reportedly said the truck, owned by Ron Hall Heating and Cooling of Brown Grove Road, began swaying.

The truck went off the east-bound lane of Kentucky 1429 three miles north of Murray and hit a tree about 7 a.m. Sunday.

Heater likely cause of fire**Staff Report**

Murray Ledger & Times

A dresser ignited by a nearby heater sent city firefighters to a South 12th Street home early Wednesday morning.

Eight firefighters in three trucks spent about 45 minutes at the house, which was occupied by

Jamie Rich and owned by Van Haverstock, according to a Murray Fire Department spokesman.

A heater in a bedroom apparently caused the fire, which was reported at 5:09 a.m., she said. Firefighters used a water hose to put the fire out, then used a fan to remove the smoke.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Clinton 'ruthless' Clinton, Lewinsky deserve punishment

Dear Editor:

Now we are treated to the grotesque spectacle of all the former pacifists being forced to rally around the flag and support their beloved Bill Clinton's blatantly political decision to bomb some primitive Third World aspirin factories.

Clinton would blithely order air strikes on Murray if he thought it would save his political hide. He'd do absolutely anything to stay in power, up to and including declaring martial law and suspending altogether the Constitution he has already violated so often.

Clinton's utterly ruthless disregard for anything but his deathgrip on the reins of power is a greater menace to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness than anything any backward Third World dictator could ever do.

David H. Hawley
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Dear Editor:

It seems to me our congressmen and representatives are undecided on impeachment.

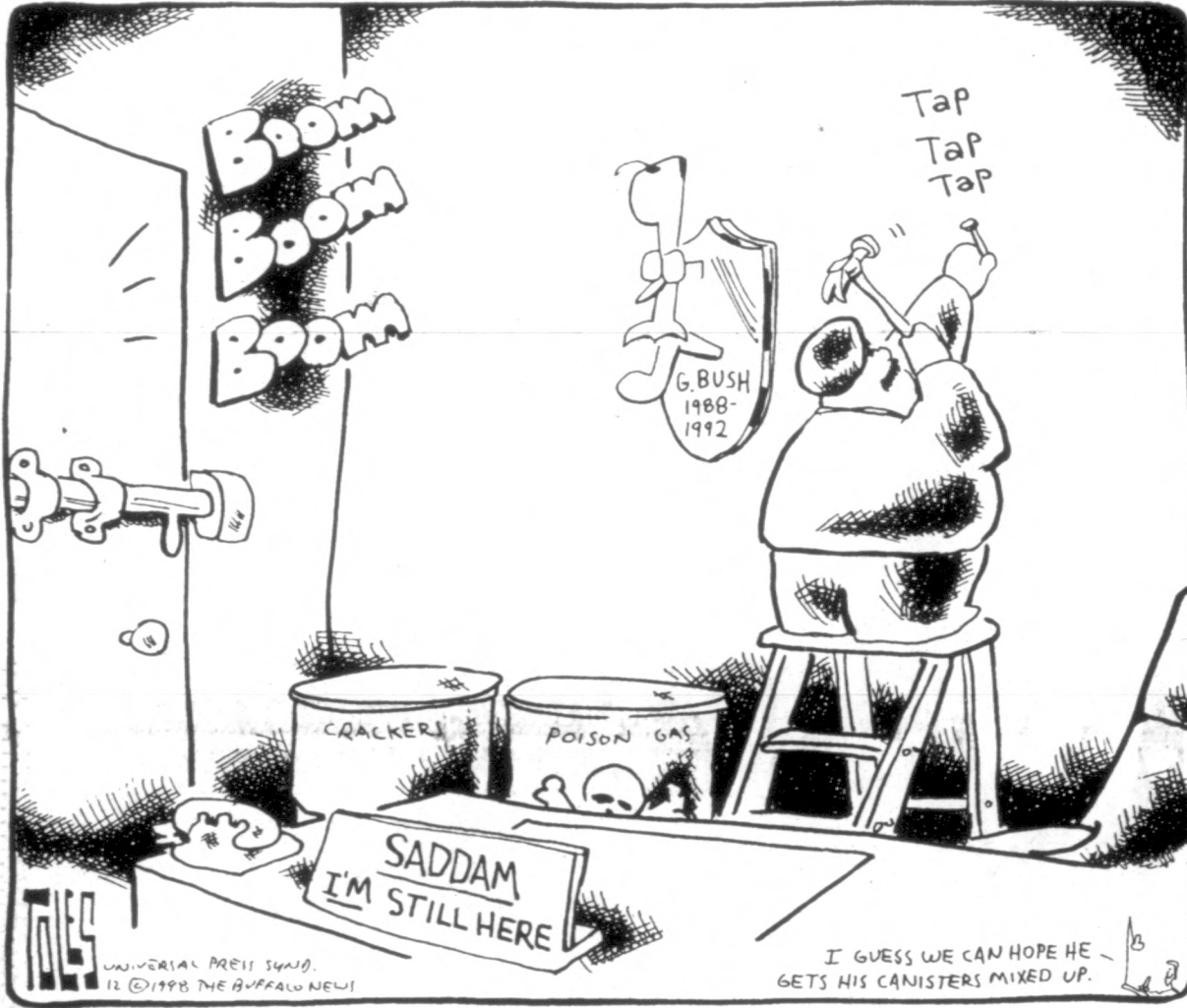
Some say punish and others say pardon. I am not telling them what to do, but if you will read your Bible you will find the answer in God's word.

It states that the punishment for adultery was for both the adulterer (that's the man) and the adulteress (the woman) to be stoned.

If you punish Clinton and don't punish this woman that would be wrong.

He did not rape her. She is more guilty. Think it over.

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The moving finger

Commenting on the impeachment proceedings last Friday, President Clinton invoked the words of the Persian poet Omar Khayyam. In his classic poem, "The Rubaiyat," composed more than 800 years ago, Khayyam wrote: "The moving finger writes; and having writ moves on. Nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

The president said he took that to mean that neither piety, nor tears, nor wit ("nor torment," he added), "can alter what I have done. I must make my peace with that."

To what was Omar Khayyam referring? What was this "moving finger" and whose finger was it?

The "moving finger" to which Omar Khayyam referred is found in the Book of Daniel, Chapter Five. The King of Babylon, Belshazzar, hosted a great banquet for a thousand people. In the midst of wine drinking and merriment, King Belshazzar called for the gold and silver goblets his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. His friends, their wives and concubines drank from them. These were objects sacred to the Jews. As they drank, they praised the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone.

The poem cited by President Clinton as worthy of his and our consideration contains a deeper and far more important message for him. He also has demonstrated arrogance and pride. He has flouted the law and behaved as if the presidency were his by right. Offered ample opportunities to humble himself, Clinton used his "contrition" as just one of several strategies to preserve himself in office and avoid accountability later.

Given such history and evidence of the president's disrespect for the law, the House is right to

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brought it to an end. You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Belshazzar's reign ended that very night, Persia conquered Babylon, and another king took his place.

Belshazzar and his father, Nebuchadnezzar (Saddam Hussein's hero), were both ruthless and proud men. The difference between them was that Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself before God and was spared. His kingdom was even restored. But Belshazzar refused to humble himself and perished, along with his kingdom.

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move forward with articles of impeachment. The Senate, if it is principled, should vote to convict and remove him from office. Such acts will not tie up the country. They will serve as a purgative. They will affirm that no one is above the law, nor should anyone, including the president, be able to hide behind opinion polls or clever statements to avoid being held accountable to the law.

This president, like the ancient and proud King Belshazzar, is being weighed on the scales and found wanting. The Founders established the process of impeachment because the people are not always right. They often vote their feelings, but the law stands above emotion and holds us all accountable for our mutual benefit. It's time for him to go.

As Omar Khayyam put it in what could be another strong message for the president should he wish to read further:

"Indeed the Idols I have loved so long
"Have done my credit in this World much wrong;
"Have drowned my glory in a shallow Cup,
"And sold my Reputation for a Song."

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Patton plan under way

Even though there's no guarantee Paul Patton will still be governor when the 2000 regular session of the General Assembly convenes, he has started work on what he hopes will be a major legislative initiative in that session, programs to promote early childhood development across the state.

He's gone so far as to appoint a coordinator to develop a plan for legislative action.

Just how difficult that initiative will be was made all too clear last week with the release of the annual KIDS COUNT report by the private, non-profit Kentucky Youth Advocates organization. The report paints a disturbing picture in which far too many young children in Kentucky are growing up poor and without the resources that are necessary to prepare them properly for school.

And that is what Patton wants to address.

On a statewide basis, one-third of infants and preschoolers are living in poverty. In 24 of the state's 120 counties, more than half of infants and preschoolers are living in poverty. Most of those counties are located in Eastern Kentucky.

That means that tens of thousands of young children have not had adequate prenatal care, proper nutrition or pre-school preparation. In the poorest counties, there is little or no day care for them. Their families may not be able to afford health insurance.

The KIDS COUNT report finds that the state spends an average of \$2,073 per capita on children under age five, mostly through social services for the poor. On the other hand, the state spends an average of \$5,569 per year on children ages 6-18, not sur-

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prisingly through public school appropriations.

But those school appropriations may be wasted if children entering kindergarten or first grade are not prepared, and they may spend their entire school careers trying — and too often failing — to catch up with their peers who have had good pre-school preparation.

In counties with the highest poverty rates, the schools themselves may not be able to keep up with those in wealthier counties, thus giving them a built-in handicap when it comes to meeting the high demands of school accountability under education reform.

In announcing the early childhood development initiative recently, Patton said he believes the state will be spending as much on infants and preschoolers as it does on school-age children within 20 years. That's a long time and a lot of poverty-level children over the course of that time.

It's a shame legislators didn't identify the needs of the youngest children in 1990 when KERA was crafted. Kentucky might be nearly half way to Patton's goal by now.

Legislators in 1990 wisely recognized that school-age children with problems at home, either because of poverty or an abusive parent or any number of other reasons, becomes a problem at school. The Family

Resource Centers in school districts became a central force in helping students and their families overcome problems that can affect a student's performance.

There is no reason why those same Resource Centers cannot become a clearing house for early childhood development programs and services. Certainly, the operators of those centers throughout the state have vast experience in what can happen to children when they start to school hampered by poor health, improper nutrition and little or no preparation for class work.

None of this will come cheap, of course, and exactly how much Patton's program will cost depends largely on how extensive he plans for it to be.

The 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act sought to level the playing field financially between property rich school districts and property poor ones. The huge disparity that existed prior to KERA was the basis for the Supreme Court's landmark decision that the whole public school system was unconstitutional.

If the field is to remain level, however, students in the poorest districts must be given the developmental support as young children that students in wealthier districts routinely enjoy. Otherwise, tens of thousands of children are doomed to begin school with two strikes already against them.

The leading players

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over breakfast one morning, Thomas Jefferson asked George Washington how he could have supported a bicameral Congress.

"Why did you pour that coffee into your saucer?" Washington replied, according to the tale.

"To cool it," said a slightly puzzled Jefferson.

"Even so," said Washington,

"we pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it."

Now that the white-hot partisan battle in the House has produced two articles of impeachment against the president, Bill Clinton's supporters hope cooler heads will prevail in the upper chamber of Congress.

The Senate, which gets the last word on expelling a president from office, was conceived as a moderating institution. Its members originally were chosen by state legislatures, unlike the House whose representatives were elected by common citizens.

Although the public has elected senators since 1913, the chamber's role has remained largely the same.

Like most systems, the Senate is subject to the strengths, weaknesses and vagaries of the individuals who control it. Here's a look at some key players in the upcoming Senate trial:

Sen. Trent Lott
The Republican majority leader from Mississippi has said Clinton's trial will begin after senators return from holiday break Jan. 6.

While Senate leaders are still grappling with what form the trial will take, Lott has suggested it might last only from three days to three weeks.

Never a timid spokesman for his party, Lott criticized Clinton for launching the attack on Iraq as the House took up impeachment last week.

But after the vote he issued a statement urging senators to embrace their roles as jurors and "be judicious in any discussions" with the White House.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D.
The minority leader called the impeachment vote "a sad day for

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KEVIN GALVIN
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all Americans" and rejected calls for Clinton's resignation.

He deplored Clinton's behavior in concealing his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

However, he said a president shouldn't be "forced from office by a party-line vote in the House."

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The incoming chairman of the Senate Rules Committee was one of the first Republicans to say the Senate trial must not become the sort of brawl that broke out in the House, suggesting that explosive testimony could be taken in closed session.

"This will not be a spectacle," he said. "It will not demean the Senate."

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W. Va.

The most senior Democrat in the Senate is an expert on its history.

He is also an influential voice on how the impeachment charges should be handled.

On Monday, he suggested that a censure resolution, while not provided for in the Constitution, wasn't prohibited either, boosting the hopes of those who want to avoid a full-blown trial.

But Byrd stressed that any such resolution must be decided by senators themselves, not through a deal cut with the White House.

"And it must be bipartisan or it will have absolutely no credibility with the public."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah

The Judiciary Committee chairman has already drawn some sneers from fellow Republicans who think him too willing to cut a deal with Clinton.

The day after the House voted, he suggested that GOP leaders poll senators to determine whether there is a will to convict. If not, he said, an alternative should be

sought quickly.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

The Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat sharply criticized the House's handling of the case against Clinton.

"The determination had been made in the House that they were going to have impeachment, come hell or high water. I think that ... we can restore political sanity in the Senate."

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

He was the first Democratic senator to condemn Clinton's behavior as immoral. Shortly after he spoke, Democratic Sens.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska agreed that Clinton's behavior was not solely a private matter. Lieberman says he has not made up his mind about impeachment, and he cautions that it's too soon to assume that anti-Clinton forces couldn't muster a two-thirds vote in the Senate to oust the president.

"As far as I know, hardly any of my colleagues in the Senate have said how they would vote."

—Another key player isn't a senator at all. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, as the Constitution mandates, is to preside over the impeachment trial.

Rehnquist, a conservative, had to recuse himself from decisions involving the last president threatened with impeachment, President Nixon, because Nixon appointed him to the high court.

Rehnquist wrote a book on the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson in 1868 and is considered an authority on the subject.

In the Johnson case, most rulings were made by the Senate itself, which can overrule the chief justice by a simple majority vote.

DEATHS

Mrs. Irene H. Shroat

Mrs. Irene H. Shroat, 93, Cape Canaveral, Fla., formerly of Olive Street, Murray, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, at 11:45 p.m. at the National Health Care, Merritt Island, Fla. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements which will be held after Christmas.

Mrs. Velda Yates

Graveside services for Mrs. Velda Yates were today at 11 a.m. at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Metropolis, Ill. The Rev. Tom Snell officiated. Miller Funeral Home of Metropolis was in charge of arrangements there, but Miller Funeral Home of Murray was in charge in Murray.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Shirley Lewis, 1407 Catherine St., Metropolis, IL 62960; or the Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Mrs. Yates, 80, Murray, formerly of Metropolis, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, at 11:50 p.m. at her home.

She was a member of Upper Salem Independent Baptist Church in Massac County, Ill. She had worked as a clerk for the former Cohen's Clothing Store and the former Moller Furniture Store in Metropolis.

Her husband, Charles Yates, one son, Charles Eugene Yates, one sister and one granddaughter preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late George Stokes and Maude Kline Stokes.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Grace, Murray; one son, George Yates, Metropolis; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Schaffer, Hollywood, Fla.; one brother, Hillis Stokes, Broughton, Ill.; four grandchildren, Velda Miller, Murray, and Kathy Johnson, Jerry Yates and Sheila Johnston, all of Metropolis; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

County agrees to settle lawsuit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Thousands of people strip-searched in jail after their arrests on minor offenses could be in line to share portions of an \$11.5 million settlement agreed to by Jefferson County.

After a decade of litigation, the county agreed Tuesday to pay the amount to settle a class-action lawsuit.

As many as 60,000 people will be notified next month that they may be entitled to share in the settlement if they were strip-searched in the jail between April 24, 1990, and Aug. 24, 1993.

Jefferson County agreed to pay as much as \$20,000 to every woman and \$10,000 to every man for each time they were strip-searched. How many are entitled to a share won't be known until claims are made.

"I think it's a fair settlement that fairly and reasonably balances the risks both sides would have borne if the case had gone to trial," said Greg Bolzle, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs in the case.

The settlement must be approved by U.S. District Judge Edward H. Johnstone, who will hold a hearing April 21 on whether the agreement is fair.

County Judge-Executive Dave Armstrong said having to give up \$11.5 million from the county's reserve fund to cover the settlement "is one of the most distasteful things I have had to do in nine years" as county judge.

"It makes me sick to my stomach," he said.

But Armstrong said the coun-

ty's lawyers advised him that its financial exposure would have been too great if the case had gone to trial. He said he was told that the county could have wound up paying two or three times the amount agreed to Tuesday.

County officials said attorneys for the plaintiffs first demanded more than \$50 million a year or so ago. The county countered by offering about \$8 million.

The county already has paid out more than \$500,000 in settlements and judgments to about 25 people who sued individually after being strip-searched at the jail. The amounts awarded generally were between \$20,000 and \$35,000.

A series of strip-search lawsuits were filed after the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1989, in a case involving Jefferson County, that people jailed on minor charges could not be strip-searched unless there was reasonable suspicion that they were carrying weapons or other contraband. They were consolidated into a class-action suit in 1994.

Despite the 6th Circuit ruling, the suit contended, the strip-searches continued illegally until Aug. 24, 1993, when Johnstone issued a permanent injunction barring the jail from strip-searching minor offenders without cause.

Former county corrections director Richard Frey has said the searches were necessary to keep contraband out of jail. After they were stopped, the amount of contraband increased sharply, he said in a deposition in the case.

In the settlement, the county does not admit wrongdoing or liability.

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Experiences develop bonds with son

QUESTION: As a father, what should I be trying to accomplish with my son in these teen years?

DR. DOBSON: Someone has said, "Link a boy to the right man and he seldom goes wrong." I believe that is true. If a dad and his son can develop hobbies together or other common interests, the rebellious years can pass in relative tranquility. What they experience may be remembered for a lifetime.

I recall a song written by Dan Fogelberg that tells about a father who shared his love of music with his son. It is called "Leader of the Band," and its message touches something deep within me. The son talks of a father who "earned his love through discipline, a thundering, velvet hand." The father's "song is in my soul." The son himself has become a "living legacy to the leader of the band."

Can't you see this man going to visit his aged father today, with a lifetime of love passing between them? That must have been what

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

DR. JAMES C. DOBSON
Syndicated Columnist



If you are having irregular periods, if you frequently cry for no apparent reason, if you are having "hot flashes" or night sweats, if your interest in sex has diminished, if you have very low self-esteem and are depressed most of the time, and if you lack the energy to get through your day - you need immediate medical attention.

There is hope for women who are suffering from symptoms associated with menopause. Estrogen replacement therapy can help put you on your feet again. There are other disorders that produce symptoms similar to menopause. That's why it is important to have a complete physical exam to get a definitive diagnosis.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

God had in mind when he gave dads to boys.

Let me address your question directly: What common ground are you cultivating with your impressionable son? Some fathers build or repair cars with them; some construct small models or make things in a woodshop. My dad and I hunted and fished together.

There is no way to describe what those days meant to me as we entered the woods in the early hours of the morning. How could I get angry at this man who took time to be with me? We had wonderful talks while coming home from a day of laughter and fun in the country. I tried to maintain

that kind of contact with my son.

Opportunities to communicate openly and build the father-son relationship have to be created. It's a goal that's worth whatever it takes to achieve.

QUESTION: Can you give me a simple definition of menopause?

DR. DOBSON: It is a time of transition in a woman's life when the reproductive capacity is phasing out. Menstruation gradually stops and hormonal changes occur. Specifically, the ovaries produce only about one-eighth the estrogen that they once did. This affects not only the reproductive system, but the emotions as well.

Research supports pain relievers

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers are challenging the notion that women who receive an epidural — a type of anesthesia administered through the spine during childbirth — are more likely to require a Caesarean section.

An analysis of 10 clinical trials, published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, also found epidurals are more effective in relieving pain and had less effect on the health of newborns than narcotic injections.

Some doctors and mothers-to-be believe epidurals greatly raise the chances of a C-section by slowing labor and inhibiting the mother's ability to push. Some women also refuse epidurals in the belief that they should be able to tough out the pain and not expose their babies to painkillers.

Dr. Stephen Halpern, co-author of the report, said he hopes the findings will end worries about epidurals.

"Basically, if a woman needs pain relief, she should feel free to ask for it," said Halpern, director of obstetrical anesthesia at Women's College Hospital in Toronto.

The clinical trials, conducted in Europe, the United States and Canada, involved a total of 2,369 patients.

Of the 1,183 who received epidurals, 97 women, or 8.2 percent, had babies delivered by Caesarean section. Of the 1,186 who received narcotic pain injections, 67 women, or 5.6 percent, had C-sections. The difference was considered statistically insignificant.

Halpern said he and his colleagues found epidurals are not the cause of C-sections. Rather, they are often used because complicated deliveries that end in C-sections are among the most painful, he said.

Scott McGlothlen, a certified nurse anesthetist in Denver, said that in his experience, epidurals decrease the number of C-sections

at St. Luke's Presbyterian Medical Center.

"Some patients just can't quite get over that hump because of that pain and an epidural can help them do that," said McGlothlen, a spokesman for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Women in the studies who received epidurals also reported less pain, although their labor was longer and they experienced side effects such as fever more often. Newborns whose mothers had epidurals also were born less often with acidosis, a disturbance of the body's acid-base balance that can cause breathing problems and diarrhea.

McGlothlen said these findings reinforce what he has known for a long time.

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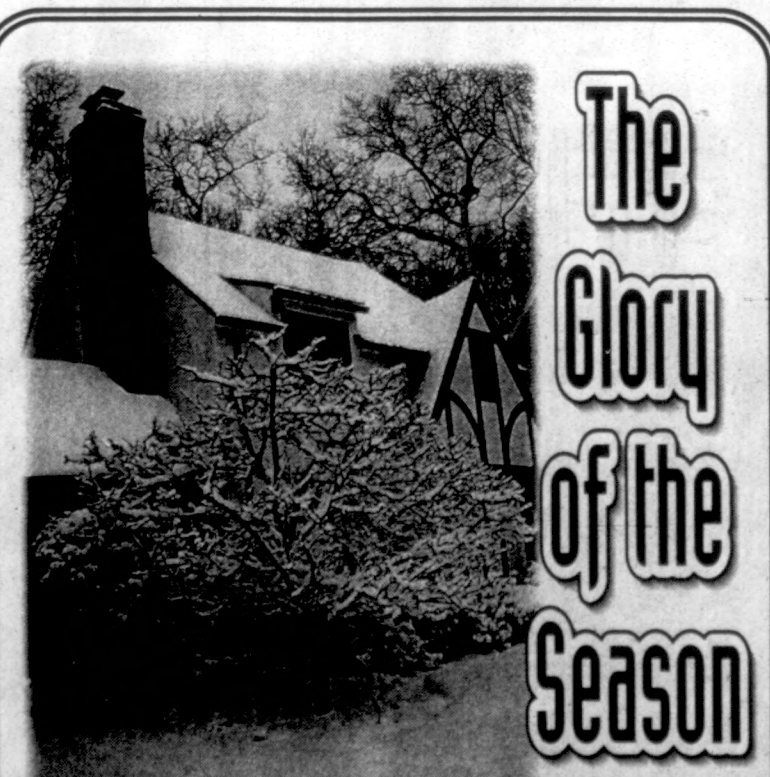
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JO'S DATEBOOK

Jo Burkeen
Today Editor

One of the things I enjoy during the holiday season is ringing the bell for The Salvation Army kettle for two hours. This year I did this at Wal-Mart and saw so many people I would not have been in contact all through the year.

Kerry Lambert is chairman of The Salvation Army Service Unit and said people will be ringing the bell at Wal-Mart until 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. Volunteers are still needed and if interested in helping call Lambert at 753-7265 or 762-1274.

The Salvation Army unit, along with other projects, purchases part of the meats for the Christmas Food Baskets distributed by Need Line each year. It is wonderful to have the local helping agencies working together to make a better Christmas for persons who are in need or lonely during the holiday season.

We appreciate Lambert for his services and are proud he is staying in Murray. He is now serving as chaplain at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Veterans reunion planned

The Aleutian Island military veterans reunion luncheon will be Jan. 15 in Tupelo, Miss. Videos by veterans revisiting the Aleutian Islands 50 plus years later will include Attu, Adak, Dutch Harbor and Umnak will be shown. For a registration blank send a self addressed, stamped envelope to Al King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313 by Jan. 1, 1999.

Coats and sweaters being collected

Men's clean used coats and sweaters are being collected in a box at the Kroger Store in Murray through Jan. 6. This project is by Eddie Roberts Post #6291 of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary. These pieces of clothing will be taken to the VA hospitals that care for Western Kentucky and distributed according to need.

Dance canceled for two weeks

The dance featuring Red Wiggins and the Red Man Band will not be held at the Woodmen of the World Hall at South Third and Maple Streets, Murray, on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The social event will again be held on Friday, Jan. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Recollections XII now on sale

If you are looking for a last minute Christmas gift, remember Recollections XII, published by the Honors English IV Class under the direction of Lynda Coleman at Calloway County High School is now on sale. This hardbound book is written about people, places, and interesting issues/organizations concerning the history of Calloway County. These may be purchased for \$15 if picked up or \$18.50 if mailed to cover postage and handling by sending to Calloway County High School, 2108 College Farm Rd., Murray, KY 42071. If you are unable to receive one of the books for a last minute gift, just give the person a card with a note that a book can be received at a later date.

Singles plan open house

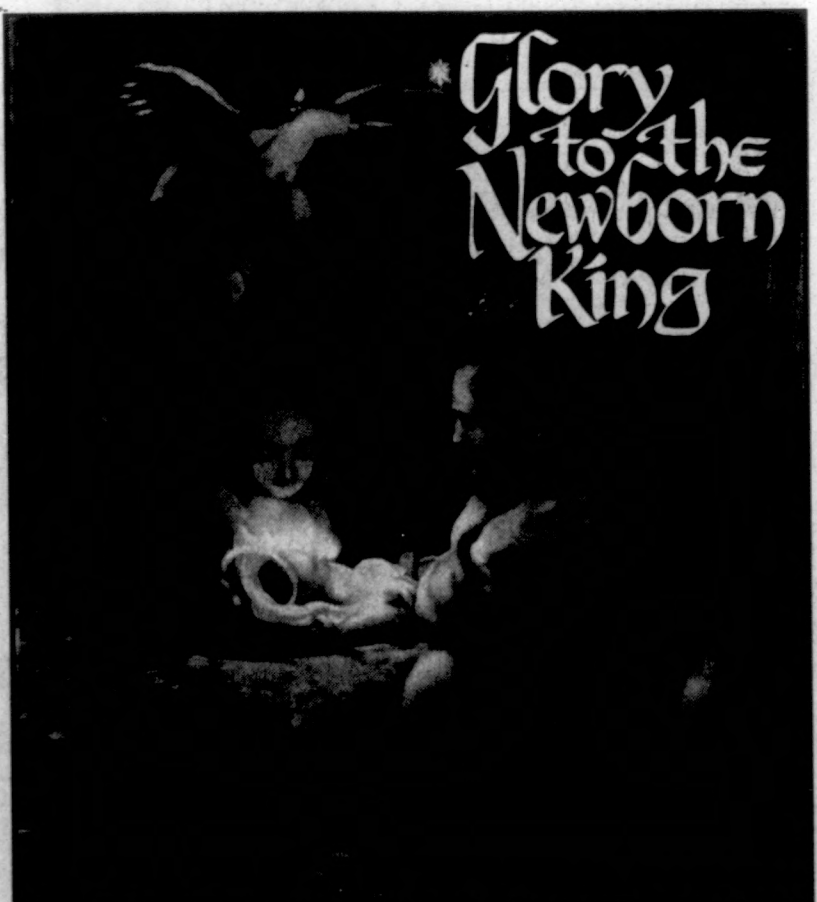
Singles Organizational Society (SOS) will have an open house at Anna's on Christmas day at 5 p.m. The SOS is a non-profit, nondenominational, social support group for singles whether divorced, widowed, or never married. For information call Vicky at 759-5395.

Book presentation Monday

The biography of Dante Alighieri, writer, is scheduled to be presented by audio Monday at 12:10 p.m. at the Literature Group at the Calloway County Public Library. Linda Kelly is the discussion leader.

Library closed Dec. 24 and 25

The Calloway County Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also the library will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday. No Parents and Twos and Story Hours will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 29 and 30. The library will be open at regular hours on all other days.



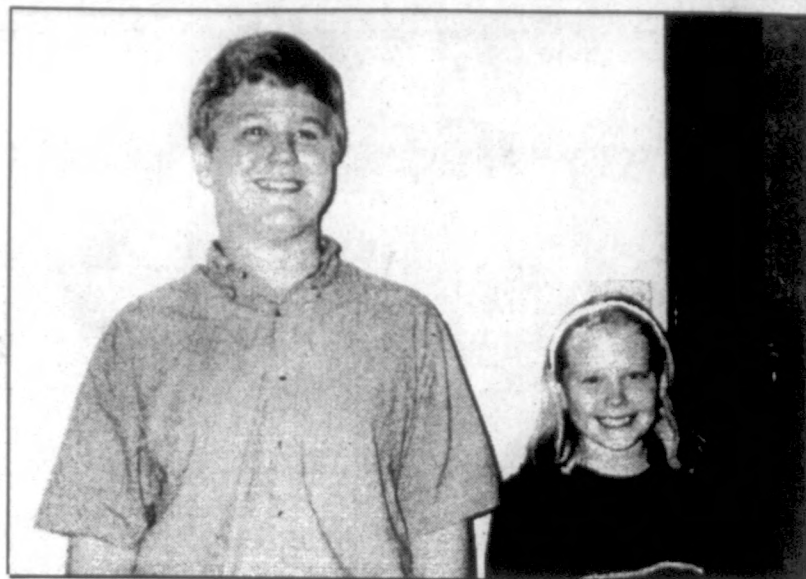
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Michael Siebold, left, and Erin Butler spoke at a recent meeting of the Theta Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Students featured on Theta program

Local 4-H club members were featured in the program on "Our Youth in 4-H" at a recent meeting of the Theta Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Featured speakers were Michael Siebold of the Homeschoolers Club who gave his talk on "Trying Vacations," and Erin Butler of Murray Middle School Club gave her talk on "Humming Birds." They had won honors for their participation in the 4-H Talk Meet.

Ginny Harper, county agent in 4-H and member of the Theta Department, introduced Siebold and Butler. She showed recording keeping books of the 4-H members, discussed the work and activities of the 4-H in Calloway County and also gave thanks to the Theta Department for sponsoring a 4-H member for camp.

Sylvia Puckett, vice chairman, introduced Harper. She also read

a special poem for the devotion.

Mary Lawson, chairman of finance/fund raising committee, announced that the department will sell Stanley products as a financial project. Other projects were also discussed.

The group voted to give monetary awards to the winners of the Student Short Story and Poetry contests.

Hostesses were Evelyn Jones, Teresa Butler and Juanita Sparks.

RECIPES

Mushroom-Stuffed Turkey Breast

2 tablespoons margarine
2 red onions, chopped
2 cups mushrooms, sliced
2 carrots, shredded
10-ounce box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1 slice reduced-calorie white bread, finely chopped
1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
3-pound skinless boneless turkey breast

In a large nonstick skillet, melt the margarine. Sauté the onions 4 minutes. Add the mushrooms and carrots; sauté until the vegetables are tender. Stir in the spinach, parsley, cheese and basil; cook 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in the bread, 2 tablespoons of the broth and the lemon zest.

Preheat the oven to 325 F; spray a 9- by 13-inch baking dish with a nonstick cooking spray. Place the turkey between two sheets of plastic wrap; with a meat mallet or rolling pin, pound to an even thickness. Remove the top sheet of plastic wrap from the turkey; spread the mushroom mixture over the turkey breast, leaving a 2 1/2-inch border on all sides. Starting with the short side, roll up the turkey breast jelly-roll style; tie at 2-inch intervals with kitchen string. Place the roll, seam-side down, in the baking dish, pour the remaining broth over the turkey and cover loosely with foil. Bake, basting frequently with the pan juices, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of the roll reaches 180 F, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Transfer the turkey to cutting board; let stand 10 minutes before removing the string and slicing. Makes 12 servings.



Members of the Music Department Chorus performed at the December meeting of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club. Pictured, from left, Angie Massey, Joanne Cavitt, Mary Beth Hays, Gale Vinson, Pat Miller, Kay Ray, and Beth Runnels, accompanist. Not pictured is Kathy Mowery.

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BIRTHS

Aleesa Danielle Williams

Danny and Tonya Williams, Protemus Road, Farmington, are the parents of a daughter, Aleesa Danielle Williams, born on Friday, Nov. 6, 1998, at 8:43 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed eight pounds three ounces and measured 21 inches. A sister is Ashton Nikole Williams, 23 months.

Grandparents are Rhonda and Mike Trimble, Danny Williams, Donna Garland and Tony Hughes, all of Murray.

Great-grandparents are Fred and Eula Mae Wilkerson, Doris Garland, and Clifford and Lillian Hughes, all of Murray.

Abigail Elizabeth Reinhardt

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Reinhardt of Almo are the parents of a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Reinhardt, born on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 6:05 a.m.

The baby weighed eight pounds eight ounces and measured 21 inches. Siblings are Caleb, Corrie, Hannah and Emilie.

Ann Elizabeth Taylor

Dr. and Mrs. Randy K. Taylor of Murray are the parents of a daughter, Ann Elizabeth Taylor, born on Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at 9:30 p.m. at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

The baby weighed seven pounds 10 ounces and measured 19 inches. A sister is Samantha L. Taylor, 14 months. The mother is the former Lee Ann Rayburn.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan K. Taylor of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Doren of Houston, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. David Rayburn of Murray.

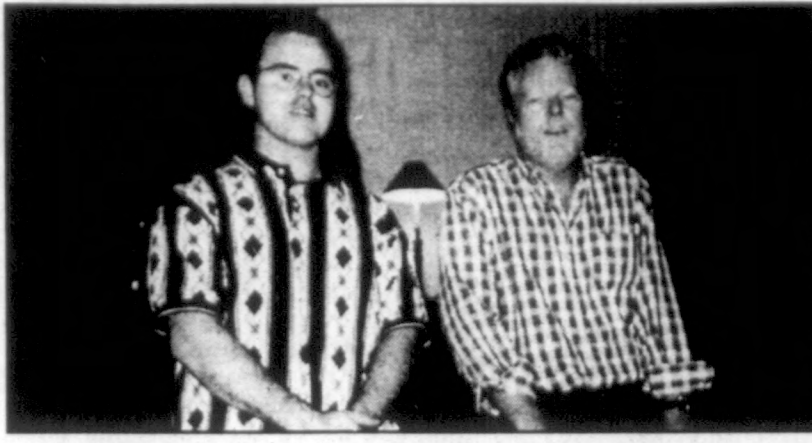
Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lubie Roberts and Mrs. Joe Rayburn, all of Murray.

Jack Wylie Seltsam

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Seltsam of Lexington are the parents of their first child, Jack Wylie Seltsam, born Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at 12:54 a.m.

The baby weighed seven pounds 13 ounces and measured 21 inches. The mother is the former Amy Wylie Wilson of Murray.

Grandparents are Mrs. John Seltsam, Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed, Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson, Paducah.



Chip Veal, right, of Murray Telephone and Electronics, and colleague, John Myers, presented a program at a recent meeting of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club. Hostesses were Amy Roos, Gale Vinson, Linda Scott, Janet Finch, Judy Hill and Katherine Morris.



Montessori Discovery School students recently sang Christmas carols for residents of West View Nursing Home. They also presented them with Christmas decorations.



Laura Roseman and Jody Kelso
Roseman and Kelso wedding vows said

Ms. Mary Roseman of Farmington and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kelso of Lynn Grove announce the marriage of their children, Laura Elizabeth Roseman and Jody Craig Kelso.

The couple was married Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pius Whelan of Brandenburg.

A 1995 graduate of Murray High School, she is currently attending the nursing program at Murray State University.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Coleman of Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kelso of Lynn Grove.

A 1995 graduate of Calloway County High School, he is now working for Kelso Farms.

A reception for the couple will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church, Lynn Grove.

All relatives and friends of the couple are invited to attend.

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Miss Miranda N. Free and baby girl and Miss Leetoria Grubbs and baby boy, Cadiz;
Mrs. Ruby F. Skelton, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Seay, Mrs. Kimberly Ann Briggs,
Ms. Arletta Jo Lacey, George Hodge Sr. and Miss Sarah Morgan Tidwell, all of Murray.

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Octuplets attract attention

HOUSTON (AP) — Little by little, the eight tiny babies born to a Texas couple have given their doctors and their parents reason for good cheer.

The smallest one, Baby E, was found to have a minor heart problem. But doctors at Texas Children's Hospital were encouraged Tuesday that the babies' conditions were stable, though all remained in critical condition and were expected to remain so for some time.

"The good news is that there hasn't been any dramatic change in the babies' conditions," said Dr. Leonard Weisman, chief of the hospital's newborn center. "We don't look for significant changes — we're happy with small progressions."

All of the world's first surviving set of octuplets, as yet unnamed, are responding to sound and light. Seven of the babies remained on ventilators and must be fed intra-

venously. The case most worrisome to doctors was Baby E, a girl who weighed 10.3 ounces at birth. She will be treated with drugs for her heart abnormality, said Dr. Tim Bricker, chief of Texas Children's Heart Center.

Heart specialists examined five of the other babies Tuesday but found that none of them had the same condition.

Experts have said Baby E's statistical chance for survival, based on birth weight, is between 20 percent and 65 percent. Her siblings have an 85 percent chance for survival, doctors say.

The mother, 27-year-old Nkem Chukwu, was "in very good spirits" and possibly could go home this week, said Dr. Brian Kirshon, her attending physician at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, where the babies were born.

The first baby was born 15 weeks premature on Dec. 8. Her two

brothers and five sisters were delivered by Caesarean section Sunday.

Since then, Ms. Chukwu and the babies' father, Iyke Louis Udobi, have insisted on privacy. Donations are flowing in anyway, from cribs and diapers to a lifetime supply of oil changes.

"Our family is very excited and grateful to God," Udobi, 41, said Tuesday in the family's first public statement. "We are very appreciative of the worldwide support over the past few days."

Neighbors said they'd had no idea Ms. Chukwu was about to deliver eight babies, but several predicted the community would rise to the occasion.

"I hope the people will help out. I'll sure do everything I can to help," said next-door neighbor Jorge Dumantay.

"I'm sure they'll get plenty of help. People in this country are very kind," added Nick Prado.



A GIFTED HELPER: Brandi Westra searches for an appropriate gift for a client of Need Line Monday. The United Way agency volunteer is helping Need Line meet the needs of the less fortunate.

BERNARD KANE/Ledger & Times photo

Demand grows for breast milk

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — On her second day in the world, tiny Emily D'Anne Shaw blinked slowly at her mother, opened her delicate lips and let a rubber nipple slide into her mouth.

"That's it, my sweet baby," murmured her mother, Sherrell Shaw.

Emily swallowed one sip, and then slowly one more of the gift that came from a stranger, one of the donors who this year gave 2,100 gallons of their own milk for babies, children and even some adults in need of the precious fluid.

Mrs. Shaw hadn't been able to produce any milk for her baby, born a few weeks early. At 5 pounds and 4 ounces, Emily was too fragile to leave the pediatric intensive care unit but desperately needed the essential nutrients, immunities and fat found only in breast milk.

So Emily's doctors turned to the "breast milk angels," the unpaid donors who give milk to six depositories across the country, including the Mothers' Milk Bank in San Jose. Users pay about \$2.50 an ounce for the milk, which requires a doctor's prescription.

"Every drop that comes out is hard to get, but there is a sense of preciousness about this," said Vera Michalchik, who juggles milk donations with raising her two children and working on her doctoral dissertation in education at Stanford University.

"Some days it's tough, I might not have a good flow, but then I think, oh, another ounce for another baby who can survive another

half a day," she said. "I know there's never enough."

Consumption of the banked milk has skyrocketed by 33 percent, from 1,400 gallons last year.

Among the reasons: The American Academy of Pediatrics urged mothers a year ago to exclusively feed their babies breast milk for their first six months. New adoptive parents, drug users or others who cannot nurse are turning to the banks for a supply.

Public confidence about donor screening is on the rise, too, as studies show that bodily fluids can be safely tested, processed and distributed.

Finally, new medical advantages are being discovered for human breast milk. It helps heal babies with infectious diseases, intractable diarrhea and pneumonia. Children with severe allergies sometimes can digest nothing else. Adults recovering from solid organ transplants and suffering from AIDS find it helps them put on weight. In Mexico, it is poured on burns.

Milk banks can't keep up with the demand.

"We're overwhelmed," said Lois Arnold at the Human Milk Banking Association of North America in Sandwich, Mass. "There's never enough breast milk, and there's never enough space, time or people to process and distribute it."

Refrigerators are packed with bags and bottles at the San Jose bank, where nurse Pauline Sakamoto was preparing a 300-pound shipment last week. As she worked, a Federal Express package arrived with more frozen milk.

"Sometimes I wonder if I can keep up, but then I just imagine the babies who need it," she said, pouring the cold, creamy fluids into pasteurizing beakers.

This batch will be flown by volunteer pilots to Highland and fed to two foster children: 8-month-old Dori — who lost 90 percent of her small bowel after birth and is barely surviving as she waits for a liver and intestinal transplant — and 3-year-old Nicky, who failed to thrive before

his diet was switched to breast milk 18 months ago.

These days he is fed almost 2 quarts a day. His chubby cheeks and bright brown eyes bring smiles from strangers.

There are no federal guidelines for breast milk banks. The six U.S. banks, along with one in Canada and one in Mexico, regulate themselves through the Human Milk Banking Association.

Donors are screened and approved by their own doctors, their baby's pediatricians and the milk bank. They donate their milk at home, freeze it in sterile containers and ship it in batches to the milk banks. There it is pasteurized and distributed.

Human milk banks have been around, officially, since the turn of the century. The first known bank in the United States opened in Boston in 1910. They dropped out of sight in the 1980s as formula companies began producing milk substitutes for premature infants and AIDS became a real scare.

Retail sales look gloomy

NEW YORK (AP) — Many of the nation's retailers may be getting a lump of coal this Christmas.

Despite strong public optimism about the economy, retail analysts expect sales this holiday season to fall short of their predicted gain of 4 percent to 5 percent over last year.

Apparel sales are usually a mainstay for big department stores, but this year many people seem more interested sprucing up their homes than their wardrobes. And cheap computers and software are stealing kids away from toy stores.

"This was a ho-hum holiday for many retailers, and it will not be the strong year that many people anticipated just a few months ago," said William Ford, senior economic advisor at TeleCheck, a check approval service that tracks sales by people using checks.

Price, of course, is key to consumer decision making. Retailers were helped by lower wholesale prices from suppliers in economically troubled Asian nations.

Nonetheless, shoppers seem to be demanding bigger and bigger discounts.

"I used a lot of coupons this year," said Mary Bollig of Aurora, Colo. "Anything that came in the mail, we used up."

Recent warm weather has reinforced already cautious buying habits. Many shoppers now wait

until they actually need a piece of clothing before buying it.

"People are thinking, 'I got this far without a new winter coat, so I guess I'll just live through this season with the one I already own.' That's a big concern for us," said Ed Carroll, executive vice president of marketing for Carson Pirie Scott, a Midwest department store chain.

Now, another weather threat is looming. In the final days of the season, some regions have been hit with snow, forcing shoppers to stay home.

"It used to be we feared a big winter storm. This year, we worried if it would ever get cold," said Ken Volk, regional mall director at Simon Property Group, the nation's largest mall developer. "There might not be any way to win."

Retailers hoping for a last-minute buying frenzy may be disappointed.

A national survey of 1,001 people on Sunday night by America's Research Group in Charleston, S.C., found that 88 percent had the bulk of their shopping already done.

This Christmas, department stores like J.C. Penney and Sears lost a big chunk of business to specialty apparel chains like the Gap, which attracted shoppers with their well-known brand names. Also stealing business are discount

stores like Wal-Mart.

In addition, the department stores fell victim to home decorating merchants like Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel. Americans, it seemed, couldn't get enough silver-plated candelabras and wood picture frames.

As a result, the department store chains are offering deep discounts.

Toy stores, too, have suffered. Instead of frequenting Toys R Us and K-B Toys, many parents went to outlets that offer high-tech toys.

Some of those sales went to consumer electronics stores, which offered a wide range of software, video games and inexpensive computers.

"Anyone selling a cheap computer was hitting the home runs, the grand slams, this Christmas," said Britt Beemer, who runs America's Research Group. "The computer was the item to have this year, and it took business away from many other products."

Adding to the sales gap is that fewer people are buying things for themselves. The survey by America's Research Group showed that about 68 percent usually buy themselves a holiday present; this year, that number is about 40 percent.

Retailers still hope that a burst of sales after the holiday will save the season.

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• WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1998 •

Duke hands Kentucky 71-60 loss

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — When March rolls around and the NCAA tournament is under way, the Duke-Kentucky game played three days before Christmas could be a big factor.

The second-ranked Blue Devils beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60 Tuesday night in the featured game of the Jimmy V Classic.

It wasn't a win that will make a season, nor was it a loss that runs one. It was just the programs of the '90s going at it in front of a sellout crowd at Continental Airlines Arena.

"This game will help us in our maturing process," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "A hard-fought game in this atmosphere against a team like Kentucky can only help you because you know they're good and they're going to fight you the whole way."

No matter what Kentucky did, Duke had an answer. Whether it was tough defense or big baskets, the Blue Devils made sure the nightmare of last March didn't happen again.

In the opening game of the doubleheader, No. 9 Purdue beat South Carolina 80-64.

Duke (11-1) scored the first 11

UK falls to 10-2

points of the second half to take a 50-34 lead with 15:53 to play. Last March, in the South Regional final, the Blue Devils had a 17-point lead with 9 1/2 minutes to play, but the Wildcats rallied to win 86-84 and went on to their second national championship in three years.

"We did remind them of last year with the 16-point lead because I knew they were reminding their team, saying we've been here before and let's get in transition and we're

going to get 3s," Krzyzewski said. "Also, you can talk about it, but there's an emotional and psychological barrier you have to get by and I didn't think we handled it well for those four minutes, then the last 10 or 11 minutes we fought hard."

So hard that the Wildcats (10-2) never got closer than eight points.

"Every time we made a run they came back with a couple of big baskets," Kentucky guard Hes-

himu Evans said. "Duke is a great team and you always want to test yourself against great teams. I think this was a good learning experience for us. ... They played hard and outthusted us. I can't explain why but I thought we played kind of timid."

Duke won its sixth straight game by holding the Wildcats to 35 percent shooting (22-of-63) and not letting them start the transition game they are famous for, the one that leads to wide open 3-pointers and breakaway dunks.

"The way they score a lot of their points is in transition," said Duke guard Trajan Langdon, who

finished with 18 points and seven rebounds. "We knew that and just locked in on them and tried to keep them out of their game. We made good decisions, good passes. I think we wore them down a little."

Kentucky, which had won six straight games overall and its last 11 against ranked teams, finished with a 45-36 rebound advantage, but there were few areas where the Wildcats outplayed Duke.

"They came out aggressive and beat us every way," said Scott Padgett, who had 13 points and

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Calloway County's Larry Stubblefield (left) keeps the ball away from Carlisle County's Andy Hayden in the second half of the Lakers' 68-42 win in the Racer Christmas Classic Tuesday night at the Regional Special Events Center.

'Real' Lakers rip Carlisle 68-42 at RSEC Tuesday

By MARK YOUNG
Sports Editor

Finally, the real Calloway County team showed up.

One day after a three-point loss to South Fulton, Tenn., Calloway decided it was time to get going as it faced Carlisle County in the final game of the Racer Classic.

The Lakers jumped to a 9-2 lead Tuesday and were never seriously threatened in downing Carlisle 68-42 at the Regional Special Events Center.

"I hope this is our real team," Laker coach Ron Greene said as his team broke a two-game losing streak and improved to 4-3. "I didn't recognize the team out there (Monday night). I like this one better."

"I thought we had a good effort defensively; we drew eight charges and it was probably the best we've played in a long time," he added. "We had played mostly zone early in the year but tonight we challenged them tonight to guard the guy in front of you, and taking

Lakers 68, Carlisle 42

Carlisle Co. 7 16 25 - 42
Calloway Co. 15 27 43 - 68
Calloway Co. - A. Wyatt 32, Underhill 12, Stubblefield 7, Patterson 6, Tracy 4, M. Wyatt 4, McCallum 2, Owen 1, Ringstaff, Greer. FG: 28-52. 3-point FG: 4-8 (A. Wyatt). FT: 10-13. Rebounds: 31 (Stubblefield 6). Record: 4-3.
Carlisle Co. - Shuemaker 10, Peek 6, Tyler 5, Hill 5, Hoskins 4, O'Neill 4, Hayden 3, Solomon 3, Hogancamp 2. FG: 16-50. 3-point FG: 6-12 (Shuemaker 2, Peek 2, Hayden, Solomon). FT: 4-9. Rebounds: 24. Record: 6-2.

eight charges shows good courage and effort."

Calloway dominated at both ends, shooting a torrid 28 of 52 (54 percent), including 50 percent (4-of-8) from 3-point range. The Lakers forced 19 Carlisle turnovers.

Calloway led 14-4 late in the first period before settling for a 15-7 edge at the end of the quarter.

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Devils put heat on MHS 64-42

Lady Tigers suffer 2nd straight loss

By SCOTT NANNEY
Staff Writer

No one would blame local fans if they were glad to see the South Fulton Lady Red Devils leave town yesterday.

For the second consecutive day, the Lady Red Devils wreaked havoc on a local team during the Racer Christmas Classic at the Regional Special Events.

South Fulton (Tenn.) followed a 30-point win over Calloway with an impressive 64-42 victory over a good Murray High squad Tuesday afternoon.

"There's a lot of talent on that ballclub," said Lady Tiger head coach Rechelle Cadwell. "They're a very fundamentally sound team. We can learn a lot from them."

South Fulton (9-1) didn't waste any time in putting the game away, blitzing the Lady Tigers for the first 16 points of the contest.

Junior center Elizar Rosier, who scored a game-high 17 points, led the early charge with seven points. Tiffany Brundige hit her first of three 3-pointers at the 3:23

South Fulton 64,
Lady Tigers 42

South Fulton 25 45 53 - 64
Murray 5 14 24 - 42
South Fulton (59) -- Rosier 17, Brundige 11, Cawthon 10, Rambo 9, Hill 5, K. Howard 3, Howard 2, Owens 2, Mairay 2, Wilks 2, McDaniel 1. FG: 25-44. 3-point FG: 3-8 (Brundige 3). FT: 11-14. Rebounds: 21. Record: 9-1.

Murray (42) -- Greene 14, Lawson 10, Dunn 8, Alexander 6, Ray 4. FG: 14-33 3-point FG: 7-13 (Greene 4, Dunn 2, Lawson). FT: 7-8. Rebounds: 27. Record: 5-2.

mark of the first quarter to cap the 16-0 run. She had 11 points for the game.

Murray (5-2) finally got on the scoreboard with just 2:54 remaining in the opening period on a layup by Whitney Alexander.

Ashley Dunn scored the Lady Tigers' only other points of the quarter.

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SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger photo
Murray's Whitney Ray (right) is guarded by a South Fulton player in Tuesday's game. Ray scored four points in a 64-42 loss.



Depleted Tigers fall to Dawson Springs 68-43

By SCOTT NANNEY
Staff Writer

With a young and injury-depleted team, the Murray High Tigers' chances against a 9-1 Dawson Springs team looked slim Tuesday evening.

And being on the wrong end of a 68-43 score would seem to support that fact.

But the final score is not a true indication of where the Tigers (0-8) are in their rebuilding phase, according to first-year head coach Dan Hudson.

"We (the coaching staff) told the guys that we can't measure our success with wins and losses at this point," said Hudson, after watching his team fall to the Panthers on the second day of the Racer Christmas Classic at the Regional Special Events Center.

"Now, with the Christmas break, we have a chance to go back to practice and get into our system."

Murray entered this contest without the services of three key players -- senior Markise Foster (asthma), sophomore Bobby Smith (finger) and freshman Anthony Codgell,

Dawson Springs 68,
Tigers 43

Dawson Springs 18 36 54 - 68
Murray 12 21 26 - 43
Dawson Springs (68) -- Smith 18, Mills 17, Scott 8, Arnold 8, Helm 6, Franklin 6, Johnson 4, Dillingham 1. FG: 25-3-point FG: 2. FT: 16-25. Rebounds: NA. Record: 9-1.
Murray (43) -- Villafior 11, Compton 9, T. Garland 6, J. Garland 5, Workman 5, Masthay 2, Trice 2, Young 2. FG: 17. 3-point FG: 4. FT: 5-11. Rebounds: NA. Record: 0-7.

who missed Tuesday's game because of a death in the family.

But the outmanned Tigers didn't let the losses bother them, battling Dawson Springs tough in the early going.

The Panthers jumped out to an 11-6 lead on a steal and a layup from Jesse Smith with 3:13 remaining in the first quarter, but the Tigers fought back to cut the lead to 12-10.

Eric Villafior, who led Murray with 11 points, scored eight points in the quarter as the Tigers trailed

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Louisville, Marshall meet in Motor City Bowl tonight

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — John Smith gave Louisville an attitude, made the Cardinals work hard and look ahead. It paid off, and tonight they meet Marshall in what should be a high-scoring Motor City Bowl game.

The Cardinals (7-4), who are 3 1/2-point favorites, were 1-10 a year ago. But they made a big turn-

around in their first season under coach Smith, a free-wheeling offensive guru whose trademarks are a big smile, a fast quip and cowboy boots.

"We have a little saying: 'Tear off the rearview mirror and look out the windshield,'" Smith said. "We told them to forget 1-10. Now their self image is totally different than it was."

Marshall (11-1), which moved

up from Division I-AA to I-A two years ago, returns to the Motor City Bowl after repeating as Mid-American Conference champion. The Cardinals finished third in Conference USA, behind Tulane and Southern Mississippi.

Both teams might put a strain on scoreboard lights in the Silverdome.

Louisville scored 63 points twice this season, had 62 points once

and 52 another time. The Cardinals never scored fewer than 21 while averaging 40.4 points.

The Cardinals have the nation's No. 1 offense, average 47 passes per game, and sometimes use five wide receivers.

Marshall, despite losing wide receiver Randy Moss to the NFL, still averaged 29.8 points. The Thundering Herd scored 42 points three times. The only blot on the

Herd's otherwise perfect slate was a 34-13 loss at Bowling Green.

"It will be two teams that look alike out there," Marshall coach Bob Pruett said. "Both have good quarterbacks, good running backs and a bunch of receivers that can catch the ball and run around a bit."

Led by quarterback Chris Redman, the Cardinals are only the second team in NCAA history to have a 4,000-yard passer, a 1,000-

yard rusher (Leroy Collins) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Arnold Jackson).

"I just think it's our work ethic," Redman said. "We decided that we didn't want to be losers. We wanted to take this program and make it something special. It's just an attitude in the offseason, working hard. I think that hard work

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 Allen Central 89, Betsy Layne 69
 Bell Co. 64, Whitesburg 48
 Berea 61, Estill Co. 43
 Burgin 66, Harrodsburg 64
 Clay Co. 71, Knott Central 67
 Cumberland 41, Everts 36
 Dawson Springs 68, Murray 43
 Elliott Co. 133, Riverside Christian 69
 Erlanger Lloyd 87, Cov. Villa Madonna

Girls:
 Christian Co. 73, Trigg Co. 49
 Barren Co. 88, Glasgow 30
 Bentley Central 64, McCreary Central

OT
 Gallatin Co. 84, Eminence 23
 Green Co. 55, LaRue Co. 49
 Lawrence Co. 70, Raceland 33
 Lex, Lafayette 46, Osceola (Fla.) 43
 Marion Co. 88, Glasgow 30

Berea Holiday Classic
 Championship final
 Montgomery Co. 48, Lex, Catholic 33

Tournament A
 Championship bracket
 Montgomery Co. 60, Berea 49

3rd place Tournament A
 Webster Co. 66, Estill Co. 53

Tournament B
 Championship bracket
 Lex, Catholic 57, Alexandria Bishop

Brossart 39
Third Place Tournament B
 Somers 62, Clinton Co. 54

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Consolation games
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 Casey Co. 64, Jackson Co. 62
 Clay Co. 47, Hopkins Central 44
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 Madison Central 46, Lincoln Co. 44
 Madison Southern 52, Caverna 50
 Ohio Co. 77, Leslie Co. 74
 Oldham Co. 45, Whitesburg 41
 Pulaski Co. 65, Garrard Co. 47
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Clark 46
 Rockcastle Co. 78, Clark Co. 55

Cleveland Classic
First round
 Edmonson Co. 70, Russellville 37
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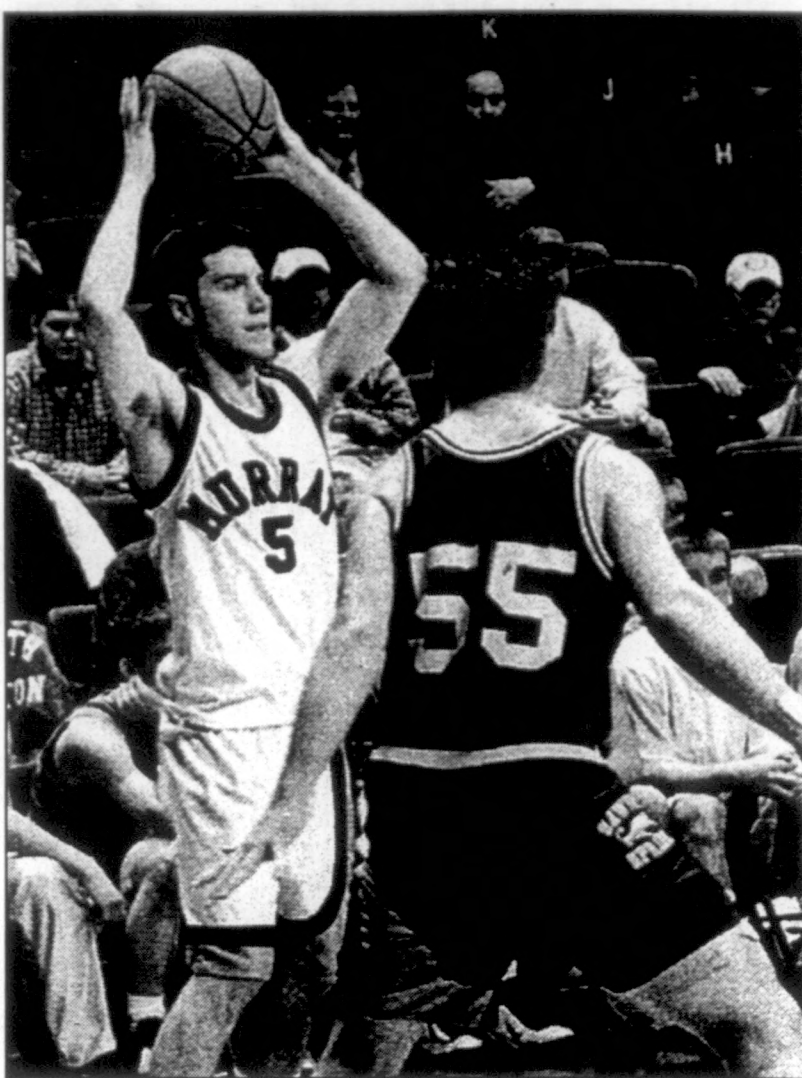
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At North Bullitt
 Greenup Co. 37, Lou. Fairdale 35
 North Bullitt 53, Lou. Fern Creek 43

Kreul Classic
At Fort Lauderdale
 Consolation game
 Coral Springs (Fla.) 66, Lex, Henry

Clay 51
Livingston, Tenn., Invitational
 Bradley Central, Tenn. 64, McCreary

Central 61 OT



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times photo
Murray's Eric Villafior (5) looks for a passing lane against Dawson Springs' Stephen Arnold (55) during the Tigers' 68-43 loss Tuesday in the Racer Christmas Classic at the Regional Special Events Center.

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18-12 after the first eight minutes. The two teams continued a close battle for most of the second quarter, but things began to unravel for the Tigers late in the half. A 3-point play by Clark Mills at the 2:41 mark sparked a 21-0 run that lasted well into the third period as Dawson Springs led 36-21 at halftime and 54-26 after three quarters. "They started switching screens, and with our guys being so young, it caused us a lot of problems," Hudson said of the Panthers' scoring spurt. "We recognized (the screens), but we panicked a little bit and couldn't make the adjustments. Our inexperience really showed up," he added. The Tigers managed to outscore the Panthers 17-14 in the final period, but Dawson Springs proved to be too much for Murray. Stephen Compton followed Villafior with nine points while Trent Garland added six. Josh Garland and Jeremy Workman had five each. Murray connected on 25 field goals, including two 3-pointers. The Tigers hit 5-of-11 free throws and outrebounded the Panthers 29-13, but committed 23 turnovers. Smith led Dawson Springs with 18 points while Mills added 17. Justin Scott and Stephen Arnold each had eight. The Panthers hit 17 field goals, including four 3-pointers. They were 16 of 25 from the line. Hudson said his squad showed some improvement during the two-day tournament. "Last night (Monday) I saw signs that we weren't turning the ball over as much," Hudson ex-

plained. "I told our (coaching) staff that if we could get our first couple of shots to go down, our confidence level would go up. "We've tried to break our offense down into simple things. We need to go back now and put this all together." The Tigers will break for Christmas before hitting the road for a tournament at Hopkins County Central Dec. 28-30.

Lady Tigers...

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ter on a 3-point basket with 47 seconds to go. South Fulton led 25-5 after the first eight minutes. Cadwell said the South Fulton defense, which caused 17 Murray turnovers, was a key to its early success. "We just didn't handle their pressure very well at all," noted Cadwell. "We were either giving up the ball too early or dribbling it too much." The Lady Red Devils continued their assault in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Tigers 20-9 for a commanding 45-14 lead at halftime. Rosier once again led South Fulton in scoring with six points in the quarter. Grace Moss had four of her 10 points in the period. With the game's outcome basically decided at the halftime break, Cadwell looked for some competitiveness from her team in the second half. "I basically challenged them to prove to me that they weren't going to lay down and quit in the second half," she said. "We played a lot harder in the second half... But whether we won

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After Carlisle (6-2) cut the margin to 15-8 early in the second, Calloway reeled off seven straight points to make it 22-8, and was in command the rest of the night. Austin Wyatt, who poured in a game-high 32 points, scored eight points in the second frame, including a pair of 3-pointers. "We practiced for an hour (Tuesday); to work out some things; our five starters came in voluntarily because they were displeased with the way they played against South Fulton," Greene said. Carlisle got within 31-23 midway through the third period before Calloway stepped on the gas and left the Comets in the dust, putting together a 19-2 run that bridged the third and fourth quarters. Calloway reeled off eight straight points -- six by Wyatt -- to make it 39-23, then after a Carlisle basket, Larry Stubblefield scored and Ben Underhill tipped in a miss at the buzzer to make it 43-25 heading into the fourth. Underhill finished with 12 points, double his production against South Fulton. "Ben has good hands and a nice touch, and he's been working on his moves," Greene said. Calloway's biggest lead of the evening was at 66-37 following a pair of free throws by Matt Wyatt. Stubblefield finished with seven points while Payton Patterson added six and Kyle Tracy and Matt Wyatt four apiece. Calloway was 10 of 13 at the free throw line and outrebounded Carlisle 31-24. Stubblefield grabbed six boards. Todd Shuemaker led Carlisle with 10 points. The Comets shot just 32 percent (16 of 50) overall, but made 6-of-12 3-point tries. Carlisle was 4-of-9 at the free throw line. "I'm not sure if this was our best game of the season, but it was certainly one of our best," Greene

Lakers' Wyatt BioKinetics athlete of week

Calloway County senior Austin Wyatt has been named the BioKinetics athlete of the week. Wyatt scored his 1,000th career point last week and averaged 27 points in three games. He scored 32 Tuesday night in a 68-42 win over Carlisle County in the Racer Christmas Classic.

said. "We're still looking for a lot more improvement in our offensive execution."

Calloway now gets set to take part in the Martin (Tenn.) Lions Club Christmas Tournament, which also includes Carlisle. The Lakers will face Gleason, Tenn., Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at Martin Westview High School. Other boys' teams included in the tournament include Westview; Greenfield, Tenn.; Fulton County; Paragould, Ark.; and Dyer County, Tenn.

The Murray girls will also play in the tournament, facing Westview Saturday at 7 p.m. Other teams include Fulton County, Fulton City, Carlisle, Gleason, Dyer County and Germantown, Tenn.

Marshall 58, South Fulton 51

Marshall led by 10 points early in the fourth quarter, only to see South Fulton rally to tie the game at 44 before the Marshals pulled away at the end.

Marshall led 17-9 after one quarter, 32-22 at halftime and 42-34 after three periods.

Jay Powell led the Marshals with 24 points while J.D. Merritt added 11. Marshall was 7-of-10 at the free throw line.

Josh McFarland paced South Fulton with 22 points.

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10 rebounds for Kentucky. "That's all there was to it." Elton Brand had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Blue Devils, while Chris Carrawell had 10 points. "What does this game say about us?" Brand asked. "It says we can play against one of the top teams in the country. A lot of people were saying this team didn't have heart. I think we showed what kind of heart

we had. You can't say it's payback. This is two different teams. But it was a big game."

Evans had 13 points and seven rebounds for Kentucky, while Michael Bradley had 12 points.

No. 9 Purdue 80 South Carolina 64
 The Boilermakers (12-1) won their eighth straight game as Jaraan Cornell had 20 points and was 5-for-9 from 3-point range as both teams shot 52 percent from the field.

Motor City...

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paid off." Chad Pennington threw for 3,419 yards and 24 touchdowns with seven interceptions this season as Marshall repeated as MAC champions, earning a return trip to the Motor City Bowl. He believes Louisville's defense will try to force turnovers. "They're an opportunistic defense, which tries to make a play here and there to get their offense back out on the field," Pennington said. "That's the key to their strategy."

Despite their high-powered offenses, Marshall and Louisville took vastly different paths to this game.

Marshall is the winningest college football program in the nation in I-AA or I-AA in the 1990s with a 100-25 record. From 1987 to 1996, the Thundering Herd played in six

Division I-AA championship games, winning two.

Last year, in the inaugural Motor City Bowl, there were two touchdowns in the first 41 seconds of a game between Mississippi and Marshall. Ole Miss edged the Herd 34-31 on a touchdown with 31 seconds remaining.

"This year we have to go out there and take care of business," Marshall defensive tackle Girardie Mercer said. "Last year, we were like, 'Wow.' But this year we are more laid back."

The Herd earned a return trip by beating Toledo 23-17 on a fourth-quarter comeback in the MAC championship game Dec. 4.

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Beef producers make holidays easier

Just in time for this holiday season, Calloway County beef producers are giving food editors and consumers a hand with their holiday menus.

With the help of the \$1-per-

head beef checkoff, a variety of tasty, convenient beef recipes are reaching millions during one of the busiest times of the year.

Food editors have come to depend on the beef industry for

information they can provide to their readers, according to Beth Ratliff, RD, director of promotion & consumer affairs of the Kentucky Beef Council.

"They know they can depend on us for recipes and information that meet their needs and the needs of their readers," said Ratliff. "We also provide them information in a manner that requires little or no printing preparation."

For example, "Impromptu Holiday Entertaining," a pre-printed recipe sheet, is scheduled to run in 232 newspapers with a combined circulation of 9.5 million.

Through its food editor contacts, the beef industry is also making it easier for consumers to choose beef for the holidays by addressing their demand for meals that are easy to prepare.

"Recognizing that more and more consumers have less and less time to prepare a big meal, we're focusing our efforts on recipes that require less attention and offering hints that take the mystery out of cooking beef," added Ratliff.

And, this year, many publications are featuring fully-cooked, ready-to-eat and heat-and-eat beef

products, alongside the more traditional roast recipes, that are ideal for the busy holiday season.

Thanks to checkoff-funded visits with magazine food editors, the Nov. 17 issue of Woman's Day included "Meals To Help You Survive the Holidays" which carried the recipe, Double-Batch Beef and Beans.

"Features like this one are particularly important to beef producers in Calloway County, as well as those all over the U.S.," said Ratliff. "These recipes add value to, and boost the sale of, underutilized cuts from the chuck and round."

Another positive promotional item is the new "America's Favorite Beef Recipes" cookbook.

The cookbook has been well received by food editors across the country, and several syndicated writers have featured the book and its recipes. The book is also being promoted as a great holiday gift idea.

"By working with food editors, checkoff-funded efforts like these will continue to provide satisfying results for consumers and beef producers alike," said Ratliff.

Following is a recipe from the checkoff-funded America's Favorite Beef Recipes cookbook that is sure to please all your holiday guests. The cookbook is available by calling 1-800-368-3138. Ask for item #07-112.

Herb-Crusted Beef Rib Roast

Total Preparation & Cooking Time: 2-3/4 to 3-1/2 hours
6 to 8-pound beef rib roast (2 to 4 ribs) small end, chine (back) bone removed

Creamy Horseradish & Chive Sauce (recipe follows)

Seasoning
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 teaspoons cracked black pepper

4 cloves garlic, crushed

1. Prepare Creamy Horseradish & Chive Sauce the day before.

2. Heat oven to 350°F. In small bowl, combine seasoning

ingredients. Press evenly into surface of beef roast.

3. Place roast, fat-side up, in shallow roasting pan. Insert oven-proof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part, not resting in fat or touching bone. Do not add water or cover. Roast 2-1/4 to 2-1/2 hours for medium rare; 2-3/4 to 3 hours for medium doneness.

4. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135°F for medium rare; 150°F for medium doneness. Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise approximately 100°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.)

5. Carve roast. Serve with horseradish sauce.

Creamy Horseradish & Chive Sauce

In 1-quart bowl, combine 2 cups dairy sour cream, 1/2 cup prepared horseradish, 1/3 cup milk, 2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives and 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes approximately 2-3/4 cups.

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Duncan named to new post

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ed a new position with the American Red Cross as a member of the Armed Forces Emergency Services Reserve Corp.

Duncan's involvement with the Red Cross began with the Calloway County Chapter in 1996 while working toward a graduate degree in Recreation at MSU. He served as a volunteer in disaster services, armed forces emergency communications and health & safety services.

His extensive Red Cross training in CPR, first aid and aquatics has allowed him to help the community through a variety of services. He has held positions with the Murray Family YMCA and most recently served as health and safety coordinator for the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

"Ash's hard work, expertise and commitment to the mission of the Red Cross is and will continue to be an inspiration to all who associate with this organization," said

Jean Masthay, director of the Calloway County Chapter.

Duncan is now in the Washington D.C. area receiving training at the American Red Cross National Headquarters. His responsibilities will include assisting in providing quality health & safety services, disaster relief services, emergency communications and financial assistance to servicemen and their families on military bases throughout the United States and overseas.

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Hays retiring from MCCH

Certified respiratory therapist Ann Hays has retired from MCCH after a lifetime of caring for patients.

Hays' continuous years of service began in 1969 when she started as one of two people working in the physical therapy area. In 1975, she helped start the respiratory therapy department, which is now part of cardiopulmonary.

She earned her certification in 1980 and has been a supervisor and assistant director of respiratory therapy ever since.

"I started my schooling and career in R.T. at a time after my children were already grown," Hays explained. "I had raised my children and been a mom, and R.T. was the second part of my life. I have truly loved my work. I was so happy to have made a contribution and do worthwhile things for others. While my heart will always be with the people at MCCH, it was time for me to move on to retirement."

Hays actually started in health care in 1941 as a nurse aide at the old Houston- McDewitt Clinic. She had also been a Red Cross volunteer for MCCH after its merger with Mason Memorial Hospital.

"I learned to give shots by prac-



ANN HAYS

ting on an orange with a hyperdermic needle," she said. "There was no such thing as ultrasound, and many vaccines for children had not yet been developed. I can also remember when the nursery in the old clinic was not attended 24 hours a day. We'd look in on the babies now and then. Boy, haven't we come a long, long way! There was no oxygen available back then in the clinic rooms. Double pneumonia was often the 'call of death' for people. When sulfa drugs came out, it was a great thing. Of course, we later found the sulfa drugs had their side effects."

"Ann's 29 years of service are very valuable to MCCH," said

MCCH President Stuart Poston.

"She has worked through hard times and good times at our facility, and has done it with dignity and grace. When you talk about a true professional you think of Ann Hays. She has worked on all shifts and has been a salvation to thousands of patients in P.T. and R.T. The mold was broken with Ann. She is a wonderful individual and will be greatly missed."

Cardiopulmonary Director John Weatherly echoed Poston's thoughts.

"Ann was a great representative of our department and the hospital," he said. "She was a great help in training me, was willing to work odd hours, or come in during the wee hours of the morning when a patient had to be transferred. She will be missed by many."

On behalf of the hospital, Poston presented Hays with a Howard Miller chiming wall clock. Her co-workers gave her a money tree and a special scrapbook of memories. She received a flower arrangement and the traditional MCCH retirement cake. Friends and co-workers also presented her with a variety of gifts.

Hays plans to visit her sister in Michigan soon and do some other traveling. She has three daughters: Nancy of Lexington; Mary Beth near Columbus, Ohio; and Shirley in Murray. Her sons, Keith and his wife, Mary Beth, and Jimmy Hays, reside in Murray.

Carter starts basic

Army Pvt. Amy R. Carter has arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, Wayneville, Mo., to complete basic military training.

During the eight weeks of training, the trainee will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Carter is the daughter of Mark A. Rubenacker of 403 Columbus, Paducah.

Her husband, Christian, is the son of Debbie Davis of 1621 Locust, Murray.

She is a 1995 graduate of Cal-loway County High School.

Davis graduates

Army Pvt. Bryan L. Davis has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Davis is the son of John W. Davis of Kentwood, La., and Emily W. Davis of 2102 Spindletop Drive, Murray.

He is a 1997 graduate of Ham-mond High School, La.

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Nike pulls out on NBA stars

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Nike, which pioneered the art of the lavish endorsement deal, has decided not to pay basketball stars who have been little more than high-priced models the past two months.

Amid slumping sales and the National Basketball Association lockout, the world's largest athletic shoe company decided to withhold quarterly endorsement payments to most of the 230 players it has under contract.

"We are doing this because the lockout is hurting fans, it's hurting the sport and it's hurting the value of our investments in the NBA," Nike spokesman Vizhier Mooney said Tuesday.

The decision risked alienating some athletes, she admitted, but after three straight quarters of declining Nike profits, the company must reassess its investment in the league.

"There is no way we'd threaten our relationship with the NBA or the many NBA players we're partnered with," Mooney said. "But as a business, we have to make common sense, fiscally responsible decisions."

Some agents were surprised by Nike's decision.

"I believed they had every intention they would pay," said Aaron Goodwin, an agent who represents Damon Stoudamire and Gary Payton, among others. "I'm disappointed they made this decision, but I understand fully what they're doing. It's a business, and things like this happen."

The league and the players are trying to determine how to divide about \$2 billion in annual revenues. More than 50 days of the season have already been missed and the season could not resume before late January at the earliest.

Some agents have said Nike should also withhold the money it pays the NBA to show it is impartial in the lockout, but the company had declined to confirm it was cutting back payments to the league until Tuesday.

"We've been taking these types of steps since July, when payments to the league were reduced," said Mooney, who refused to say which big-name players were included in the cuts.

Nike has a reputation for standing by the star athletes in its stable. For years, the fear was that it could not afford to alienate big names and have them defect to another company.

Nike chairman Phil Knight and top executives have been preaching cost control since the annual shareholder meeting last September, when the company confirmed it planned to cut its sport marketing budget by \$100 million.

Reaction from competitors was mixed.

Robert Erb, sports marketing director at Adidas America, said Adidas is still paying its NBA endorsement contracts.

But Fila USA, based in Sparks, Md., has the same policy as Nike. Fila cut off endorsement payments to the five of its 10 NBA athletes with that option in their contracts, spokesman Howe Burch said.



Melody Wojciechowski (left), a senior at Calloway County High School and the daughter of Art and Becky Wojciechowski, has been named student of the week.

Lewinsky story dominates news

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica, Monica — by far the most-covered story on evening news broadcasts this year.

ABC, NBC and CBS did more stories on the President Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal than the combined total about the Asian and Russian economic crises, the standoff with Iraq, the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, the UAW strike, the Middle East peace process, nuclear testing in India and Pakistan and John Glenn's return to space, the Center for Media and Public Affairs said Tuesday.

"We thought that nothing could top the O.J. Simpson story and this proved us wrong," said Robert Lichter, president of the Washington-based think tank.

Through Dec. 15, the three evening news broadcasts did 1,502 stories about the scandal, eating up just under 43 hours of time, the group's study said.

The second biggest TV story of the year — the weapons inspection standoff with Iraq — generated 502 stories and 13 hours worth of time.

Although polls indicated many Americans thought the Lewinsky story received too much coverage in 1998, it did result in the first impeachment of an American president in 130 years.

"You can make a case that the recent coverage was necessary and useful," Lichter said. "But a lot of the early coverage was speculation and heavy breathing."

MSU to add public archaeology

Murray State University will add a public archaeology program to the services offered through the anthropology program and Archaeology Service Center, according to Dr. Kenneth C. Carstens, MSU professor.

Carstens serves as director of the anthropology program and the service center.

John Krieb of Murray will direct the public archaeology program on Friday afternoons and act as a site liaison with the Kentucky Heritage Council's Archaeology Survey, a public outreach program.

The intent of the program is to foster interaction with and to work with school groups on regional archaeology programs, including ongoing MSU archaeology programs in Smithland (Fort Smith, a Civil War fort, and Gower House, the oldest standing structure in western Kentucky).

The program will also aid in the establishment of an amateur archaeological society in Murray, hosted by MSU. Krieb will be the public archaeologist with whom the public will interact.

Krieb has more than six years experience in archaeology at historic sites in New York, including Old Fort Niagara at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Youngstown, and Fort Ontario in Oswego.

The Fort Niagara site has a history as an active military post that spans 300 years of modern occupation, beginning with the French in 1669, followed by the British in 1759, and finally American occupation ending in 1963.

Some of Krieb's highlights in archaeology field work at Old Fort Niagara were working alongside a 1726 French structure that still

stands today (built over a campsite containing contact period Indian artifacts) and excavating in a 1770s British blacksmith shop foundation area and a foundation area of an early 1800s American barracks.

In addition to his fieldwork, Krieb has been involved in cataloging artifacts and drawing a variety of site planimetric maps and site stratigraphical profiles. He has given numerous presentations to elementary and middle school classes, and to community organizations such as local historical societies, Rotarians and Masons.

Krieb also works at the Gower House and Fort Smith in Smithland, and has been an adjunct instructor in the master of science in the management of technology program in Murray State's College of Industry and Technology since 1995. He is employed as the plant engineer at Kenlake Foods, a Kroger-owned food products manufacturing company located in Murray.

A mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Detroit, Krieb received his master's degree in business administration from the State University of New York-Buffalo. He and his wife, Joan, reside in Murray. They have three children, all of whom have attended Murray State.

The public is encouraged to contact Krieb in the MSU Archaeology Laboratory at (502) 762-6853.

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A record of a county emerging from the horse and buggy days to a technological community was the goal in researching, writing and printing of the nearly 600 page book.

According to the Jennings, the book embraces the founding of the county, Wadesboro settlement, the Civil War, post Civil War, and the Male and Female Institute in which historical sources were sparse.

However for the 1900s more sub-

stantial documents were found for writing "The Story."

The post 1900s years are highlighted by the tremulous moments of the Holland-Keys political feud and the Tobacco Planters Association when lawless Night Riders surfaced; World War I epoch, the mass migration to Detroit, the Great Depression, World War II, post war recovery and yearly reviews until 1976 are covered in the book.

Copies of "The Story of Calloway County (1822-1976)" by the late Dorothy and Kerby Jennings may be found at the Readmore Book Store, Peoples Bank, Union Planters, J.H. Churchill Funeral

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Yale professor charged with assault

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A senior professor at Yale University described by his lawyer as "one of the world's leading geochemists" was arrested on charges

he sexually assaulted a 13-year-old boy. He already faced federal child pornography charges.

New Haven police arrested Antonio Lasaga, 49, a professor of geology and geophysics who has been on the Yale faculty 14 years, at his Cheshire home about 8:30 a.m. Monday. He was charged with two counts of sexual assault, risk of injury to a minor and promoting a minor in an obscene performance.

Police would not give details of the alleged assault. Superior Court Judge Gary J. White sealed the arrest warrant.

Lasaga was charged last month with using his campus computer to download child pornography.

Then, earlier this month, a federal judge placed him on home confinement after he allegedly violated the conditions of his release on the federal charges. He was supposed to stay away from minors and potential witnesses, and federal officials said he had been repeatedly spotted near the home of a minor. Officials wouldn't say whether the minor was the same child cited in the state charges.

After a hearing Monday, he was held on \$250,000 bond. He was

accompanied by his wife, Evelyn, and his attorney, Jeremiah F. Donovan.

"A month ago he was leading what most of us would view as a rich, full and successful life as one of the world's leading geochemists," Donovan said. "He woke up the next morning and had it all come crashing down."

Since 1992, Lasaga has worked as a mentor for inner city schoolchildren in a program called School Volunteers for New Haven Inc. The New Haven Public School District on Monday said Lasaga had undergone a thorough background check before he was accepted to the program.

District spokeswoman Catherine Sullivan-DeCarlo declined to say whether the alleged victim was a participant in the mentoring program. Officials did say there had been no hint of trouble while Lasaga participated in the program.

Lasaga is a former administrator and adviser to students at Yale's Saybrook College, one of the university's 12 dormitories. He resigned that post Nov. 6, shortly after FBI agents searched his quarters. He remains on indefinite paid leave from the university.

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Exercise can reverse aging

Since Dean is traveling the wild west on a train trip to Washington State this Christmas, Brenda McGarvey, senior program director, will be filling in for him.

When did it happen? When did I turn 40 and where have I been this last 20 years? Wasn't it just yesterday I was cruising up and down Main Street in my 1970



Y.M.C.A. Building Blocks
By Dean Ehrenheim

Ford Mustang chasing boys, I mean, "Grease" with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John is celebrating what anniversary? Goldie Hawn, 50? When did it happen and what are we going to do about it?

And how do we turn back the clock? It is amazing how fast time files and boy, how fast we fly in search of that fountain of youth! Oh, and the money we spend! Beauty products, surgery, pills, how many times could we have paid off the national debt.

Well, guess what? That fountain of youth flows very abundantly at the Murray Family YMCA. Reversing the aging process through exercise is some of the most exciting research being produced in this past decade. Well, at 40, at least I find it the most exciting.

Recent findings from Tufts University, Cooper's Institute and data collected for the Surgeon General's Report have confirmed the belief that we can live more abundant, productive lives than we ever thought possible - if we exercise. We are looking now at your physiological rather than chronological age in determining health and your physical/functional capacity.

This really hit home for me a couple of years back. I run about five to six miles a day. A few years ago my running dropped down to three miles. I reasoned to myself that because I was getting older, I just couldn't physically put out as much as I used to. I was just getting older and I would just have to accept it.

Well, that very day, I had a 70-year-old client come to my office for a fitness evaluation (Russ, you know who you are.). His children had bought him a membership to

the YMCA. My first question was "What is your exercise history?" His reply was "I run five miles a day."

Have I forgotten to thank you, Russ? Now that excuse no longer works. I got off my chair and started running six miles again. And you know, it wasn't any harder that day than it was the year before. It was all in my head.

So, my question to you is, "What is the capacity of the human being?" I don't believe we are designed just to live an OK life. I believe it is in our hands to live the life of our dreams. I'm sure I heard it somewhere on an Oprah Winfrey show that "we have the world we create. Hell is not something you are assigned to against your will, hell is some place you go to of your own free will."

In the words of my guru, the father of aerobics, Kenneth Cooper, "Age fast, age slow, it is up to you."

Calling aging hell is a bit of a strong term for some (but they're all under 30), for those of us who are seeing things drop a little more each year, that term may be a little soft (no pun intended). You can look around and see evidence of this. There are people you went to school with who look older than you, and some who look younger.

You can relate the aging process in those individuals with whether or not they smoke and whether or not they exercise.

Much of the adverse decline that happens in aging is because of sedentary living. Through recent research from Tufts University we have discovered that although the loss of muscle mass is probably a little of both the inherent aspect of aging and the sedentary lifestyle, we can probably maintain 90 per-

cent of our muscle mass. What does that mean to you?

Get off your couch, because sedentary living is killing you. A decrease in muscle strength leads to a decrease in metabolism as well as a decline in functional capacity. This sedentary lifestyle puts you at an increased risk for chronic disease. This leads to an increased risk for obesity which leads to an increased risk for hypertension, cardiovascular disease or diabetes.

It also leads to an increased risk for falls, hip fractures and osteoporosis. It means you get old faster. So, to win the ballgame, you have to try to keep the muscle mass you have or regain the muscle mass that was lost. The sedentary lifestyle is taking a huge toll on your aging process.

It's not just enough to know that the sedentary lifestyle is taking its toll on you. Somehow you have to learn not only how much or how often to exercise, but more importantly how to stick with it. That's the tough part. The YMCA has many programs available to help you learn to stick with an exercise program.

Expect Success is a new program targeted at all those individuals having difficulty sticking

with a program. We don't just look at how to lift a weight or how often you should be doing it. We look at ways to incorporate exercise into your already hectic lifestyle. And more importantly, how to make exercise fun. We teach you tips to help you stick with an exercise program. We give you the tools to make the healthy lifestyle an option for your life.

Just so you can't use the excuse "I am really way too old to exercise," most of the research I referred to previously, came from a group of individuals with an average age of 90 years. We have exercise programs for Individuals of all ages.

Active Older Adults (AOA) is a program for older individuals wanting to improve on cardio fitness, meet new friends, work on flexibility and just plain have fun. It is a great chance to exercise and socialize. AOA meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Not a land lover? Aqua Aerobics is a fun, active group of individuals meeting four times a week at varying times at the Murray State University pool.

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HOROSCOPES

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 25, 1998:
You are unusually lucky this birthday year. You feel better, happier and enjoy life with more gusto. Expand your circle of friends. You'll find each day more rewarding than the last. Domestic life becomes secure; you might buy a home or make an important investment. Handle finances conservatively. Money easily slips through your fingers. If you are single, love could be found during your daily routine. You might have more than one suitor. If attached, your relationship benefits from excellent communications, and improving the quality of your tie PISCES can be a great playmate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** There is a lot on your mind. Give in to contentment and relaxation. Others are thrilled by what takes place. A friend or loved one does something special. You won't forget this Christmas for a long time. Make an extra effort for a difficult person. Tonight: Beam away.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Attend to a parent or someone you respect. They could be elusive, but mean well. It becomes clear how deeply you are cared about. Let others play a bigger role in your life. Give up the need for control. Loving surrounds you. Tonight: Add your special touch to the celebrations.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Others turn to you. You are more instrumental in the Christmas celebrations than you realize. Others are thrilled that you're part of their plans. You actually might have to do the party rounds. You let go and enjoy later in the day. Tonight: Smile into the wee hours.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Relish the dreamy quality of this Christmas. Someone chooses the perfect gift or knows just the right words. A possible trip could be in the offing as a result. A partner comes through for you in a big way. Others are excited. All eyes are on you. Tonight: Bask in the moment.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Expect only good today. A partner clearly cherishes you. There is reason for bliss. Someone touches a chord that takes you into another realm. Talk about the future and travel possibilities. Call those at a distance who can't be close. Tonight: It gets better and better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Others are refreshing as they dote on you. Feelings are extreme. Your ability to make others happy is as strong as it has ever been. You feel good about yourself as you manifest true giving. Your nurturing ways touch a partner's heart. Tonight: Enjoy receiving.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** You naturally give of yourself, now. You understand the true essence of giving. There is a unique quality of caring that is developing between you and a youngster, or if single, a special love interest. Don't hold back any longer. Tonight: Share a lot with others.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You finally have reached the harvest in a relationship. It could involve a child or paramour. Feelings exchanged have a euphoric quality. Material gifts can't touch on this depth. News from a friend or family member puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Happy at home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You don't need to go far this holiday. Staying close to home and family proves even more rewarding than most Christmases. Indulge people in your daily life; let them know how much they mean to you. An important call or news comes forward later in the day. Tonight: Get frisky.

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Building security is a major concern this year, and you'll be successful in doing so. Investing and saving become more important. Change your perceptions about what works for you emotionally and adjust your life accordingly. You will need time alone to process, think ideas and issues through. If you are single, a viable romance becomes very important. Having a family especially appeals to you. You are likely to progress a new relationship rapidly. If attached, your tie becomes a major focal point, as you seek stronger commitment. ARIES is comforting.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Close relating brings you more in contact with a wish. You recognize that someone means well. Discuss your feelings. Adjust to unexpected happenings. Your sense of humor, willingness to give and nurture comes back to you in multiples. Tonight: Hot cider with a loved one.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Others provide entertainment, however unconsciously. Activity surrounds you. Respond to calls, and make a special effort toward a child, or if single, a love relationship. Learn new modes of expression. Actions convey a point more directly. Tonight: Be docile.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You have a lot to do. You are anxious to clean up after the holidays. Write thank-you notes. Catch up with co-workers, run errands and get an extra snooze or two in. Take advantage of an invitation that could force you to exercise some! Tonight: Get back into the groove.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You are full of energy. You completely enjoy whatever you do. Someone responds to you differently because you have changed. A relationship heats up because of your nurturing and unexpected actions. Humor and unpredictability add to your day. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You need to slow down, as you have been on overload. Catch up with others whom you don't normally have time to visit. Family and home become unusually important this coming year. You could be getting ready for some big changes. Tonight: Make it easy.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Your unpredictability triggers an unexpected talk. Others like how you turn up in places from out of the blue. Be yourself with friends. You change your immediate social circle. Share your feelings. Accept a change in plans. You like the heightened pace. Tonight: Don't go far.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You are concerned with returning gifts and mailing thank-you notes. You are unusually efficient when dealing with others and getting errands done. An unexpected insight or hunch helps you financially. Unnecessary risk could be detrimental. Tonight: Don't complicate things.

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Indictment withdrawn in teen shooting case

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A grand jury has refused to indict a teen-ager on charges he helped plan a high school shooting as part of a satanic killing crusade. Prosecutors withdrew their request for an indictment Friday against Justin Sledge, 18, who would have faced life in prison on the accessory before murder charge. Investigators claimed Sledge was a member of a group known as the "Kroth," which practiced satanic worship. For months, he and another teen, Grant Boyette, allegedly plotted a shooting spree at Pearl High School, and chose member Luke Woodham as the assassin. In October 1997, Woodham stabbed his mother to death and then shot several people at the high school, killing two female students. He is serving three life sentences. Woodham said in a taped interview presented to the grand jury that Sledge was not involved in the shooting. Boyette, 19, is awaiting trial on a charge of accessory to murder before the fact.

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Forest Service looks at changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Forest Service wants to change the 90-year-old method for handing out millions of dollars in logging proceeds to rural counties — and that has some county officials worried.

The annual payments, nearly \$220 million to 41 states this year, are the counties' 25 percent share of federal revenue from national forests. Most of the money comes from logging, although some comes from recreation and other fees.

The government does out the checks to help pay for roads and schools near national forests, which cannot be taxed by local governments.

The Forest Service wants to freeze the payments and no longer link them to the number of logs it sells. The change would bring stability to counties and schools, which see payments fluctuate depending on the cut and market conditions, the Forest Service argues.

"Why should the education of rural school kids and other social services be contingent on what level of timber harvest we have from national forests?" spokesman Chris Wood said.

Environmentalists cheer the idea, saying it would remove an incentive to log federal forests. Some counties also want to sever the link between timber sales and federal checks, saying the system pressures counties to push for log-

ging — even if additional logging isn't good for forests.

"Leave us out ... on the issue of how to manage federal forests," said Peter Sorenson, a Lane County commissioner in western Oregon. "Don't hold us hostage in this debate."

But other county officials worry that the change would remove them from federal decisions about forests and could reduce the share-the-proceeds payments.

Gordon Ross, a Coos County commissioner in southwestern Oregon, said logging is critical to his area's economy and has been cut too much already. He says the current system gives him a perch from which to advocate more logging in national forests.

Republicans in Congress also oppose the change. They helped kill it when the Clinton administration first proposed it in February.

But the proposal is expected to be back when Clinton unveils his FY 2000 budget early next year.

Federal timber sales brought in \$577 million in revenues in 1997, although the program lost more than \$88 million, mostly because of road building costs.

County and school officials say they need the cash they get from the program. In a situation typical of the West, 80 percent of Skamania County in southwest Washington is Forest Service land.

Federal timber payments account for more than a fifth of the coun-

ty budget. "Our own tax base is so doggone small," said Al McKee, county commission chairman. "We need some ongoing help to sustain the county."

Adding to counties' difficulty, the annual Forest Service payments are roughly \$140 million lower than they were in 1989, due to a sharp decline in federal logging.

All sides hope to work out a compromise on the payment system after the new Congress convenes in January.

Ross and other county officials favor a flexible system that would allow counties to get payments based on the recent year's harvest or on 1986-1990 levels, whichever is higher.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., wants to add an annual inflationary increase to the Forest Service's frozen payments. He also would give counties five years to decide whether they want to sever the link between the payments and logging.

Congress in 1993 allowed counties in northern California, western Oregon and western Washington — areas protected for the northern spotted owl — to get payments based on logging levels from 1986-1990, when harvests were more plentiful.

But the 1986-1990 option expires in 2003. Several western counties could lose millions of dollars as a result.

Government approves sale of Lyme vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans who live in tick-infested regions can start getting shots to protect themselves against Lyme disease: The government approved sale of the world's first Lyme vaccine.

SmithKline Beecham's long-awaited LYMERix will help prevent the serious disease, the Food and Drug Administration said Monday, but it won't eliminate the threat.

"It is important for people to realize (the vaccine's protection) is never going to be 100 percent," stressed FDA immunologist Karen Elkins.

Plus, it takes three shots over a full year to build optimal immunity — meaning if people start

getting the required LYMERix doses this winter and spring, they won't have maximum protection until the year 2000 tick season.

"You'll have to continue to use insecticides, continue to check for and remove attached ticks," Elkins advised. As one researcher put it, she added, "People should not consider this a license to run willy-nilly through the woods."

The FDA approved LYMERix for vaccination of people ages 15 to 70 who live or work in grassy or wooded areas where Lyme disease-bearing ticks are present. Although doctors say a Lyme vaccine is urgently needed for children, SmithKline is still studying whether LYMERix is safe in chil-

dren and adequately protects them.

Another big question is how long the protection offered by those first three LYMERix shots will last. SmithKline is studying whether people will need yearly booster shots.

SmithKline said it will ship the vaccine to doctors' offices in a few weeks, but refused to disclose the price.

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Court sets long-distance telephone provisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled today that provisions governing the entry of regional Bell telephone companies into the \$90 billion long-distance business are constitutional.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia dealt a legal setback to efforts by the regional Bell telephone companies

to freely provide long-distance service to local phone customers without first having to obtain government approval.

The law "does not violate any of the constitutional provisions raised by BellSouth," the court said in a 3-0 decision, giving the government an important victory.

BellSouth, a regional Bell company, brought the case to the three-

judge panel after the Federal Communications Commission turned down the company's request to provide long-distance service in South Carolina, part of its local phone market.

The court also ruled that the FCC was correct in denying BellSouth's request to provide long-distance service in that state.

A 1996 telecommunications law requires that BellSouth and other Bell companies open their local phone markets to long-distance companies and other potential rivals before the Bell companies can sell long-distance service to local customers.

If the appeals court had ruled in BellSouth's favor, the company would have been cleared to offer local and long-distance service to millions of customers in its nine-state region without government approval.

"We're disappointed that we lost this decision," said BellSouth's associate general counsel William

Barfield. The company hasn't decided whether to appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court.

The law was defended by the FCC, AT&T and other long-distance companies in court. The law's long-distance provisions go to the heart of the government's efforts to open the local phone market to competition.

No Bell company has won FCC approval to provide long-distance service to local customers. The FCC has said companies have not sufficiently opened their markets to competition as the law requires.

But BellSouth argued that the law discriminates against it and other Bells because they do not apply to GTE Corp., Southern New England Telephone Co., Frontier Corp. and other local phone companies.

BellSouth said parts of the 1996 law constitute a "bill of attainder" — punishing the Bells for the past anticompetitive sins of their former parent, AT&T, and

for any offenses they may commit in the future. The Constitution bars Congress from passing any "bill of attainder" that inflicts punishment without a court trial.

The long-distance provision, the court concluded, "does not violate the bill of attainder clause because it does not inflict 'punishment' on BellSouth. Instead, it is a rational and nonpunitive congressional enactment that serves to open telecommunications markets."

BellSouth's bill of attainder argument is the same argument that three other Bells — SBC Communications, US West and Bell Atlantic — successfully made to a federal judge in Texas who overturned the same long-distance provisions on Dec. 31.

But that decision, which never took effect, was reversed earlier this month by a federal appeals court in New Orleans.

SBC has asked the Supreme Court to overturn the decision by the New Orleans court.

BellSouth unsuccessfully used the same bill of attainder argument earlier this year before the D.C. appeals court when it sought to overturn another part of the 1996 law involving electronic publishing.

Two of the judges in that case — Edwards and David Sentelle — participated in today's case, along with Judge Patricia Wald. In the earlier case, Edwards had ruled against BellSouth and Sentelle had ruled for the company.

Skier survives weather

TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP) — A skier survived two nights lost in bitterly cold weather in the Sierra Nevada before being rescued.

Nick Williams was listed in stable condition with frostbitten feet at Tahoe Forest Hospital, said nursing supervisor Marilyn Britto.

"It dropped down to minus 2 at my house early Monday," Britto said.

Williams, 50, of San Francisco,

took a wrong turn Saturday while skiing at Squaw Valley USA, said Kathy Koenig, a dispatcher with the Placer County Sheriff's Department's substation in Tahoe City.

He wasn't reported missing until Monday, and a ski area employee found Williams that afternoon in an area within the Squaw Valley resort called Immigrant Run, Koenig said.

Frog comes home for holidays

SWANSEA, Mass. (AP) — Even frogs with a bad case of wanderlust come home for the holidays.

A 15-pound concrete garden frog that disappeared from John and Gert Knight's back yard in April was returned to its Swansea home on Monday by a limousine driver.

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DR. GOTT

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've just read a book by Dr. William Campbell Douglass in which he raves about hydrogen peroxide as a cure for many diseases. I noted that Dr. Douglass spends two full pages of the introduction criticizing you for panicking this therapy. What's the story?

DEAR READER: There really is no story. Hydrogen peroxide is a very versatile compound, available in any drug store. It is useful as a mild anti-septic, a hair bleach and a method of softening ear wax before removal. But no reputable scientific study has ever shown that hydrogen peroxide has any health benefits whatsoever when swallowed or given intravenously, as Dr. Douglass proposes.

I was flattered by his criticism of me, which I read in the book you kindly sent. Subsequently, I checked with two experts on medical quackery, who confirmed my suspicions — namely that Douglass is way off base, persists in advocating a useless treatment, and should be ashamed of himself. This whole issue proves that just because a person has obtained a medical degree doesn't mean that he or she is playing with a full deck of cards. Some forms of so-called "alternative therapy" may hold promise; hydrogen peroxide therapy does not.

DEAR GOTT: I have a pacemaker. In addition, I take diuretic medicine, heart pills and medication to regulate my pulse rate. I'm running out of energy by noon. Is there anything I can do to increase my stamina?

DEAR READER: Without knowing the exact medicine you are taking, I cannot say that the pills are a definite cause of your problem. However, that

is a strong possibility, because many drugs are associated with this kind of side effect. This is a subject you and your cardiologist ought to address. Of course, heart disease itself can sap your energy. Nonetheless, it would be appropriate for you to suspect the medicines; if they are the cause of your trouble, perhaps they can be changed.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

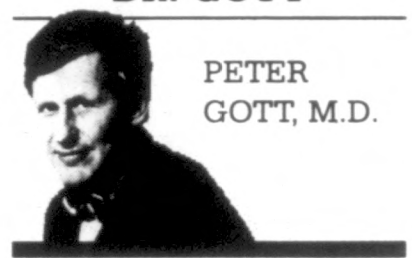
DEAR GOTT: Am I a bundle of nerves or is it my heart? Sometimes it thumps so bad that I think it is going to jump out of my chest, and I become short-of-breath. Do I need to see a doctor?

DEAR READER: If you are as bothered by heart thumping as you seem to be, you should see a doctor. Everybody has palpitations once in awhile, but when they are unusually forceful or frequent, a medical check-up and cardiogram will ordinarily show if they should be treated.

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DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are having a large and expensive celebration for their 40th anniversary. They are demanding that all five children kick in \$250 toward the party. We live in another state and our tickets to attend are very expensive. Abby, we feel the cost of our tickets is enough expense without helping to pay for their party. They invited us!

My father is 80 years old, and he and Mom will have a 50th anniversary soon. That is something to celebrate. I don't mind paying for it myself, and I won't ask anyone to help.

Which anniversaries should be celebrated with a big celebration? And must we help pay for their party? (No one offered to help us with the expense of our plane tickets.)

JACKIE IN COLORADO SPRINGS

DEAR JACKIE: Forty years of marriage is something to celebrate, and a party is appropriate. Usually the couple hosts the party, but if the children wish, they can give the party. If the children planned this celebration, then they should each pay a share. However, if your in-laws planned the party, they are the hosts and the children should not be forced to finance it. It would be gracious to chip in if you can afford to, but if you cannot, let your in-laws know it would cause financial hardship. Perhaps they will excuse you.

P.S. The fifth, 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th are typically celebrated in style, but many couples also celebrate anniversaries in between with small parties with family or close friends.

entangled in the pedal. Each turn of the pedal had pulled him tighter against the handlebars until he could go no farther. Thank God, he was fine as soon as we cut him loose.

Children's coats should fasten with snaps or Velcro, and slacks should have no belts to remove. A baby can strangle on any string or cord — even that ribbon used to hold its pacifier.

NAOMI GLENN, A CONCERNED GRANDMA, HILLSBORO, OHIO

DEAR NAOMI: Your grandson's near-miss must have been terrifying for all concerned. Thank you for alerting other parents and grandparents to this potential danger. This valuable information may save some lives.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple to announce their engagement at another couple's wedding?

My sister-in-law and her fiancé did that at our wedding — at the request of my mother-in-law. I'm very upset about it, and my husband says I'm being selfish and petty.

Abby, are they right, or am I? (Please don't use my name.)

BRISTLED BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: You are correct. What your sister-in-law did at her mother's behest was akin to the cute little child actor stealing the star's spotlight.

However, please be generous enough to forgive them, so this sore spot doesn't fester and eat away at family relationships.

LOOKING BACK

Ten years ago

Published is a picture and story about Bob and Liz McLean who moved to Calloway County to retire as a result of Murray and Calloway County being named the nation's top retirement community in Rand-McNally's "Retirement Places Rated."

Lori Lee Jones, 18, Rt. 1, Almo, died Dec. 22 from injuries sustained in a one-car accident 10 miles east of Murray on Kentucky Highway 94 East.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Boggs will be married 66 years Dec. 24. Births reported include a boy to Laura and Randy McGehee, Dec. 21.

Twenty years ago Faced with power bills that may soar to \$350,000 over budget, Murray State University continues trying to cope with its high utility costs.

Murray-Calloway County Jaycees treated 33 children from the Murray area to a Christmas party. Santa Claus presented each child with a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie B. Parker will be married 50 years Dec. 24.

Thirty years ago David J. Searfos, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Searfos, has been assigned to Fort Campbell after being inducted into the Army in the December draft call.

Hickman County beat Mayfield to win the championship of the Calloway County High School Christmas Basketball Tournament. Other teams in the tournament

were Calloway, South Marshall, Murray High, Carlisle County, Benton and Reidland.

Births reported include a girl to the Rev. and Mrs. Danny Underwood, Dec. 16; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Moyer, Dec. 18; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Walker, Dec. 19.

Forty years ago Claude Miller, Hiram Tucker and Phillip Mitchell are new officers of the Murray Real Estate Board.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cone, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Edwards and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Suiter.

Murray State College Thoroughbreds beat Mississippi Rebels 80 to 6 in a basketball game at the MSC Sports Arena. Dale Alexander was high scorer for Murray.

Fifty years ago

The free movie for children of Murray and Calloway County was shown today at 9 a.m., according to Frank Lancaster, theater manager. This is an annual event, sponsored by the local movie establishment.

Mary Jo Flood and Holland Shelton were married Dec. 12 at Corinth, Miss.

Glin Jeffrey was elected captain and William Smith as alternate captain of the Murray High School 1949 football team. Eli Alexander was captain of the 1948 team.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1998. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 23, 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was published in the "Troy (New York) Sentinel."

On this date: In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.

In 1995, a fire in Dabwali, India, killed 540 people, including 170 children, during a year-end party being held near the children's school.

One year ago: A jury in Denver convicted Terry Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, declining to find him guilty of murder. Woody Allen married Soon-Yi Previn in a small ceremony in Venice, Italy.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

There's Only One Hope

South dealer Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH ♠ A J 9 8 4 ♥ Q 6 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ K 8 5

WEST ♠ 7 5 2 ♥ 10 9 5 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ 10 9 6 4

EAST ♠ K Q 6 ♥ J 8 3 2 ♦ A Q 9 5 ♣ J 3

SOUTH ♠ 10 3 ♥ A K 7 ♦ 8 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 7 2

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — four of hearts. Assume you're defending against three notrump with the East hand after the bidding shown. Partner leads the four of hearts, and South takes your jack with the king. Declarer leads the ten of spades and finesse, losing to your queen. What would you do now?

When the deal occurred, East returned a heart at trick three, and South was home free. He won with dummy's queen, crossed to the ace of clubs and tried another spade finesse. This lost to the king.

Tomorrow: Maintaining control.

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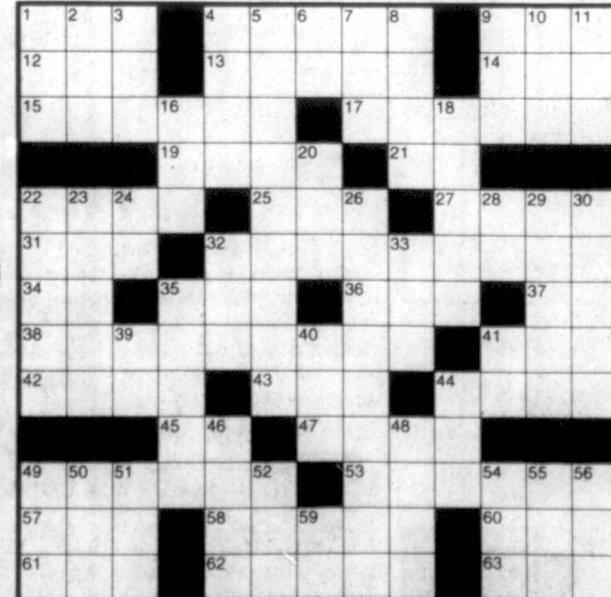
- 1 100 yrs. 42 Aide (abbr.) 43 — do plume 44 Additional 45 Sommer ID 47 Kiln 49 Gaudy 53 Grass roots 57 Affirmative 58 Hint 60 — la la 61 Mountain on Crete 62 Backs of necks 63 Popeye's friend Olive (2 wds.) 25 Alias (abbr.) 27 Overpower 31 Still 32 Short-tempered 34 Football pos. 35 Of God (Latin) 4 Man's name 36 Kin to bro 37 Sagebrush St. 6 Chemical suffix 7 — sequitur 8 Jacob's

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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