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18 shopping days to Christmas

BRIEFS

Hydrants to be flushed

The Dexter-Almo Water District will flush hydrants Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 753-9101 for more information.

Alcohol vote set in Harlan

HARLAN, Ky. (AP) — Residents in Harlan will vote Tuesday whether to allow alcohol to be sold within the city limits.

The petition drive to allow alcohol sales began in the spring, and the petition was submitted with 254 eligible voters' names in August.

Supporters of the proposal say alcohol sales are needed for economic growth in Harlan. They argue that keeping the city dry will keep some businesses, such as restaurants, from moving into town.

Opponents of the measure say alcohol sales will increase crime and create more negative influences in the community.

The last wet-dry vote in Harlan was on Dec. 9, 1975; a 683-603 vote kept the city dry.

Shooter gave no warnings

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) — The seventh-grader didn't say anything when classmates greeted him before school. The smart and popular 13-year-old just went under a tree, pulled out a handgun and began firing, fellow students say.

He gave no warnings, leaving friends and this rural community baffled as to what could have motivated the churchgoer and honor roll student to shoot his schoolmates.

Four students were shot Monday morning when the teen opened fire outside Fort Gibson Middle School before classes started. One student suffered bumps and bruises. None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening.

Police and the teen's attorney wouldn't release his name due to his age and because charges had not been filed by prosecutors. But schoolmates, including Max Chrisman and Shaila Benjamin, both 13, identified the boy as Seth Trickey. Authorities said they were not aware of any previous trouble involving the teen and didn't know who owned the gun.

WEATHER

Tonight...Mostly clear. Low 30 to 35. South wind 5 mph.
Wednesday...Partly sunny. High 50 to 55.

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BERNARD KANE/Ledger & Times photo
SIGNS OF THE SEASON...Jason Carter and Alvin Carr remove a sign from the back of a truck Monday as they prepare the park for its annual seasonal display.

County OKs new insurance plan

By DAVID BLACKBURN
Staff Writer

Calling it the "lesser of several evils," Calloway County Judge/Executive Larry Elkins and the fiscal court grudgingly approved a new health insurance plan for county employees that will cost less than half of keeping the old plan.

The new plan from United HealthCare of Kentucky Ltd., approved 4-1 by magistrates in a special meeting Tuesday night, will cost the county an additional \$44,732 next year while providing better coverage, but with a much smaller network.

By comparison, renewal with the county's current provider, Aetna, would go up 50 percent, costing the county an additional \$97,289, said Rita Burton, the county's health insurance coordinator.

"We had planned for an increase, but not that big of one," Elkins said. The court, which provides the insurance for employees, had anticipated a 15 percent to 20 percent jump, he said.

"I don't think we have a lot of choice," said magistrate Gerald Duncan before making the motion to accept the insurance committee's recommendation for the United plan.

But fellow magistrate and insurance committee member Steve Lax thought otherwise.

Lax was the lone dissenter Nov. 30 during the committee's decision to recommend United's plan and again Monday. Other committee members are county treasurer Sue Outland and Marcia Brandon.

"I felt employees should have been more involved in the thought process," Lax said of his nay votes.

Lax said he felt employees should have been given an option: Staying with the current policy with Aetna and picking up their share of half of the increase or going with the United plan.

Burton, though, said an insurance company likely would not allow two different insurance plans to be offered. She noted that the county's rates are based on the number of participating employees.

Of the county's 105 full-time employees, 88 are on its plan, Burton said.

"It's an excellent plan. It's going to spoil us," she said after the meeting.

The size of United's network is its biggest flaw, say Burton and Elkins.

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Patton takes oath for second term

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — For someone taking a rare second oath of office as governor, Paul Patton made almost a rookie mistake.

He briefly had the wrong hand on the family Bible, switched, and then cracked up wife Judi when he raised his right hand behind her head.

It was a moment of nervousness and levity in an otherwise dignified and simple ceremony to swear Patton in as Kentucky's 59th governor early this morning.

Patton repeated the 108-year-

old oath administered by Marshall County Judge-Executive Mike Miller, a longtime friend and political ally.

Lt. Gov. Steve Henry took his oath from Supreme Court Justice Martin Johnstone minutes later. Wanda Henry held the bible for her son's oath.

Patton filled his first constitutional duty by appointing Adjutant General Russ Groves to another term with a white quill pen.

The ceremony took place in the House chamber at the 161-year-

old Old Capitol, a nod to the historic nature of the inaugural, the last of the millennium and the first for a governor to serve successive terms since 1800.

In the hours leading up to the formal beginning of his second term, Patton attended a Democratic Party event to raise money at \$250 per plate. Party officials said about 500 people had reservations to attend. It was another \$250 to attend a reception beforehand.

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City mulls gas pipeline

By EDWARD SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

An additional pipeline for the city of Murray's gas system, a concept which originated about three years ago, is on the verge of becoming a reality.

The Murray City Council's public works committee voted Monday afternoon to recommend to the council that the city proceed with plans to construct an additional pipeline and tap that would connect to the ANR Company's pipeline out of Louisiana.

The proposed pipeline would start around Cook Lane and measure approximately 15,200 feet.

Should the entire council approve the recommendation, Mayor Freed Curd would then have the authority to enter into a two-year contract agreement with ANR, which would serve only as a transport system.

"At least in two years, we have the option of backing out if we have to," said Don Leet, city finance officer. "We don't think that will happen, but at least we won't be locked in to five years."

The city would retain the services of the Texas Gas Company, located in Mayfield, which currently

serves Murray as a transporter for natural gas. A new contract, which would entail a five-year agreement, will have to be established, according to Leet.

The current agreement with Texas Gas allows the city to use 10,000 mcf (million cubic feet) of gas per day, a total that Leet said is in danger of being exceeded each day.

"Texas Gas wants to maintain the relationship we've had in the past with the same amount (of gas)," Leet said. "They did not want the city of Murray to get half their gas from ANR."

The city entered into an agreement earlier this year with the Tennergy Corporation that will allow it to purchase gas at a discounted rate. Leet said the city also purchases gas on the open market.

Under the old Texas Gas agreement, the city received a discount given to customers who use 10,000 mcf or less per day. That discount, however, will not be given in the next contract, according to Leet, but the company will offer the city nearly \$100,000 in concessions in order to keep its

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BERNARD KANE/Ledger & Times photo
WARM WELCOME...Dr. Elizabeth Alexander, wife of Murray State University President Dr. Kern Alexander, greets visitors at Oakhurst Monday night during an open house. President Alexander was delayed in West Virginia when the plane he was on went off the runway. No injuries were reported.



BERNARD KANE/Ledger & Times photo
FESTIVE TRIMMINGS...Murray State University trombonist Alan Page tapes garland to his instrument prior to the wind ensemble Christmas concert Monday night in Lovett Auditorium.

Tobacco executive offers encouragement to growers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A tobacco company executive offered encouragement to farmers beleaguered by slumping burley sales, saying demand will rebound and urging growers to work with manufacturers to combat industry opponents.

Earl Kohnhorst, president of U.S. domestic business for Brown & Williamson Corp., went before the Kentucky Farm Bureau on Monday to explain tobacco companies' woes from legal and political assaults and how the impact has filtered down to farms.

Louisville-based Brown & Williamson paid almost \$1 billion in settlement costs and legal fees last year, virtually wiping out the company's profits, he said.

To offset those expenses, B&W and other tobacco manufacturers raised cigarette prices, prompting an almost 10 percent drop in consumption, he said.

The smoking decline has been felt in burley tobacco auction warehouses, where about one-third of the available crop went unpurchased by tobacco buyers during the open-

ing sales week. The surplus tobacco wound up in the cooperative pool.

"The problem is that all of the manufacturers are facing cash flow and inventory management adjustments, and it is a real challenge managing our leaf inventories," Kohnhorst told a farm bureau seminar on tobacco. "In fact, the whole supply chain is reducing inventory, including wholesalers and retailers."

Kohnhorst, a native Kentuckian, said the company is reducing its amount of imported leaf, while trying to expand overseas markets to help farmers. He said the global cigarette market will grow, and that U.S. tobacco farmers must continue growing and marketing quality burley to capture a large share of the market.

Will Snell, a University of Kentucky tobacco economist, said 1999 U.S. burley exports were down slightly through the first nine months, while burley imports meant for U.S.

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Although it contains 15 specialists in Calloway County, it has only three general practice physicians — Robert C. Harris, Dan Miller and John Quattermous — and one pediatrician, Clegg Austin. The Murray Woman's Clinic also is in the network.

On the other hand, there are 43 general practice physicians within a 25-mile radius of Calloway County, according to Greg McNutt with McNutt Insurance, the county's independent insurance agent.

Other areas include Graves County, which has 15 general practitioners; Marshall County; Paducah; Paris, Tenn.; and Nashville, Tenn.

"The network is tremendously accessible in most of western Kentucky," McNutt said. He added at Monday's meeting that he has asked the West Kentucky Surgical Associates in Murray if they will apply to join the network.

"I just wish more of our primary care (general practice) physicians were in it," Burton said. "It's an excellent network. It's nationwide."

With United, an individual plan will cost the county \$167.52 per month per employee. Renewing Aetna's individual policy would be \$259.65.

An alternative plan with Aetna — with lower benefits, employee participation in paying premiums and higher deductibles and co-payments — was also discussed. An individual plan would have been \$213.46 per employee per month.

The United plan has a three-tier medicine card, with generic drugs requiring a \$10 co-pay, \$15 for brand-name drugs and \$30 for brand-name drugs not on the network's list.

Also, United does not require referrals and assign members a general practice doctor to act as a "gatekeeper" between the member and a specialist.

"It's much more user-friendly,"

McNutt said.

The United plan has no deductible — for an employee or his/her family — and \$10 office visits within the network. Out-of-network deductibles are \$400 for an individual and \$800 for family, as well as 30 percent of the cost of office visits after the deductible.

Within the network, United will begin picking up 100 percent of the costs after paying \$500 by the individual and \$1,000 by a family. Aetna's would have been \$1,900 and \$3,800, respectively.

In the only other item on the agenda, the court approved paving the remainder of an access road grant for work at the U.S. 641 North intersection with Robert O. Miller and Melvin Henley drives and Poor Farm Road.

Payment for the project, which will improve access to Mattel, will be made after state inspection is complete, Elkins said.

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business.

Those concessions will be particularly helpful, considering the cost of the project. Leet said the cost of construction for the new pipeline, which will total between \$725,000 and \$850,000, will be covered by the city's gas system reserve account, which has approximately \$4 million in it.

Even with those costs covered, however, the project will add annual expenses of \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Leet said those costs would most likely be covered by increas-

ing customers' monthly base rate service fees, which are currently \$2 for customers inside the city limits and \$3 for those outside, by \$1 to \$3, which would not go into effect until after the city's next budget is prepared in July 2000.

Leet said the new pipeline would not actually go into operation until next November, but the application process needs to begin now so the city could make sure the construction is completed by that time.

A very preliminary plan presented to the committee projected engineering work beginning in January or February, with construc-

tion beginning in mid-April or early May. The construction would be expected to take six to eight weeks to complete.

Leet said the rapid expansion of Murray has made the additional pipeline a necessity, since a harsh winter day would easily push the city's gas requirements over 10,000 mcf.

"We've been very fortunate in the last 40 or 50 years that someone hasn't cut the line and left Murray without gas," Leet said. "You don't want to have to go to your customers and say, 'We didn't have enough capacity. We're going to have to shut you off.'"

USS Arizona's 'unknowns' might be identified soon

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Seaman 2nd class William A. Goodwin was on duty in Turret 4, deep in the bowels of the aging USS Arizona, when Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The 20-year-old was among 1,177 crewmen killed when bombs from 350 aircraft penetrated the Arizona's deck and detonated in the ship's forward ammunition magazine.

A body was recovered in August 1942 by salvage divers removing powder bags from the turret magazine, but it could not be identified.

Now, the Army's Central Identification Laboratory is investigating whether Goodwin's remains are among the 124 unidentified Arizona crewmen buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl Crater.

This is the first effort to identify any remains of 647 unknown Pearl Harbor servicemen buried beneath the vast lawn at Punchbowl.

The identification laboratory is the same one that used sophisticated DNA comparisons last year to identify a Vietnam serviceman in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lab officials will compare mortuary records, Goodwin's service records and family records to determine if Goodwin's remains may be under an "Unknown" marker, said Johnie Webb, the lab's deputy director.

"We'll look and see what similarities there are and if they are close, we'll put in a request to disinter the remains for an identification review," he said.

If DNA samples can be obtained, results will be known within a few months.

Joe Campbell, 80, is pushing ahead for his little brother "so I can put a headstone on his grave where it now says nothing but 'Unknown.'"

"It seems all I can do is to be hopeful and wait," said Campbell, who described Goodwin as a "good-looking kid with blue eyes and blond hair."

Campbell, a World War II and Korean War veteran, is president of

the USS Arizona Reunion Association based in Tucson, Ariz.

He and his wife, Ruth, requested the identification process after a Pearl Harbor survivor trying to add information to the "Unknown" grave markers found clues in records of initial burials at a temporary cemetery near Pearl Harbor.

Those clues include Goodwin being one of only two Arizona crewmen in his division killed, only one body being recovered from Turret 4 where the division was assigned and the other division member's body being identified, Campbell said.

The clues were found by Raymond Emory, a Navy seaman first class aboard the cruiser USS Honolulu during the attack who has waged an eight-year struggle to make the markers of the unknown more specific.

"I don't understand what's so difficult about adding the information we know about some of these unknowns," said Emory, a historian for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. "At the least, we could put on the markers the name of their ship and the day they died."

His opponents include Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told the 78-year-old retiree that the Army, which inscribed the markers, has no intention of changing them.

Officials at the Army's Mortuary Affairs and Casualty Support Division in Alexandria, Va., did not respond to several requests for interviews.

Congress passed a 1973 law transferring national cemeteries from the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Patton joined in the spirit, dancing around the Frankfort Civic Center and at one point leading a conga line.

The morning also included a traditional visit from Frankfort city fathers to welcome the new governor and a private worship service. A parade with more than 7,000 participants, a couple of receptions and a speech. The evening will include two inaugural balls.

Patton's speech is to be a relatively abbreviated one, about 14 minutes, short on the kinds of legislative initiatives Patton outlined four years ago but long on a vision for Kentucky four years from now and beyond.

"It'll be an inspirational message to the people of Kentucky about seizing the opportunity of the 21st century," spokesman Mark Pfeiffer said. Patton will also include entreaties to the General Assembly to continue the collegial relations they have developed during the last four years.

All eight of Kentucky's living former governors will take part in various parts of the inaugural celebration, which will include a ceremonial oath administered by Chief Justice Joseph Lambert. Education Secretary Richard Riley, a former governor of South Carolina, will be a featured guest at the inaugural.

A variety of music will be featured, from a trumpet solo of the National Anthem by Republican state Sen. Lindy Casebeer of Louisville, to a rendition of My Old Kentucky Home by the Master's Men Choir of Louisville. Inaugural ball music will range from swing sounds of big bands to oldies rock 'n' roll.

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consumption were up by 30 percent.

Kohnhorst said Brown & Williamson, the nation's third-largest tobacco manufacturer with such brands as Kool and Lucky Strike, intends to continue investing in cigarette production, and that farmers could share in the expansion.

"We expect domestic volumes to improve," he said. "Our projections show the current decline will slow in the next several years, and it's certainly possible an uptick in consumption may be not too far down the road."

Kohnhorst urged tobacco growers to work with manufacturers to defend the industry from political assaults on federal, state and local levels.

TVA 'absolutely ready' for any Y2K problems

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Valley Authority has spent four years and more than \$40 million to ensure the lights won't go out when the computers register midnight on New Year's Eve.

"The bottom line is that TVA is absolutely ready to provide safe and reliable power to all of our customers and to the region into the year 2000 and beyond," TVA operations manager Steve Whitley said Monday.

"Absolutely all the critical Y2K equipment at the plants and on the transmission system and the computer at the control center are mission ready," he said.

Some 8 million people spread over 80,000 square miles in Tennessee and parts of Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama will be counting on it.

And those are just the people who get their power through one of TVA's 159 municipal distributors and electric cooperatives.

Whitley said the nation's largest public power producer plans to remain fully connected to the regional electric grid during the Y2K transition to help neighboring utilities in short supply.

"It is very important to keep all the ties closed so that each system can support the other system," he said.

In 1996, TVA began discussing its ability to deal with the computer rollover into 2000, said Tommy

Denson, the federal utility's year 2000 project manager.

More than \$40 million was spent since, most of it on labor to inventory systems and make upgrades. The biggest expenditure was some \$4 million for a new central computer at TVA's power operations center in Chattanooga.

After three agencywide drills and two nationwide drills since December, TVA officials believe their massive power system of 29 hydroelectric dams, 59 coal-fired boilers and three nuclear stations is ready.

"As a matter of fact, from an overall program perspective, 63 percent of TVA's generation is running today as if it was already the year 2000," Denson said.

The big question for New Year's Eve is the unforeseen, even for an industry that always must plan for the unexpected ice storm or heat wave.

"We have looked at a number of scenarios from a loss of some generation to actually a loss of some load," Whitley said.

The hydroelectric plants and TVA's 1,600-megawatt Raccoon Mountain pumped storage facility near Chattanooga can quickly add reserve power, he said.

"The worse thing that could possibly happen is if every single communication system we had failed," he said.

TVA has installed three backup communications systems if the phone company goes down with the old year. The agency has an internal phone system, a radio system and a new satellite phone system.

"If (plant) operators know what is going on, they know what is happening in real time, then they will know what to do. If they are in the dark, they don't know what's out, then they are in chaos," Whitley said.

If all those fail, each plant has been given a guide on how to operate independently until communication can be restored, he said.

Whitley doesn't think it will come to that, though. "Not after all the investment and testing that all of the telephone companies, TVA and the power distributors have gone through," he said.



My wife is coming home.

She's been in the hospital, and the house sure feels different without her. She deserves the best, so when they asked me who's going to provide the health equipment she needs at home, I said, "Holland Medical."

She has a breathing problem and Holland Medical specializes in respiratory equipment like nebulizers and oxygen. So I just said, "Holland."

Holland Medical is on call twenty four hours a day, so I don't have to worry... And neither does she.

Take my advice, when the time comes, it makes sense to just say, "Holland."

You don't need to say anything more.



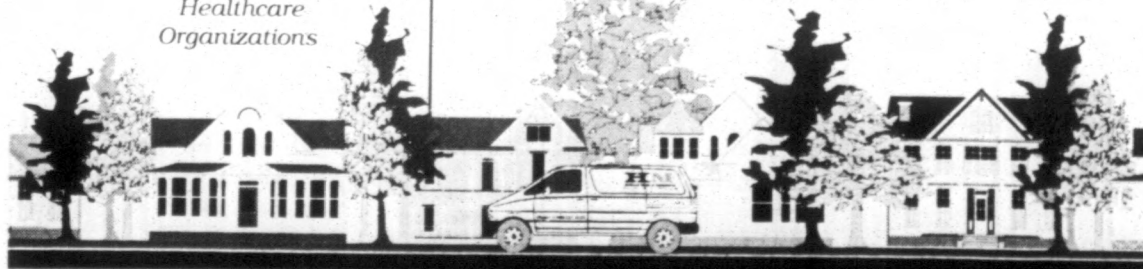
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DEATHS

Archie L. Edmonds

Archie L. Edmonds, 93, Chiefland, Fla., formerly of Murray, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at 2:45 p.m. at his home.

A retired farmer, he was of Baptist faith. His wife, Mrs. Mary Lyda Edmonds, preceded him in death. He was born Oct. 24, 1906, in Kentucky.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Gallion, Chiefland, Fla., and Mrs. Linda Maier and husband, Lewis, Wildwood, Fla.; one son, L.E. Edmonds and wife, Clara, Murray; four grandchildren, Jon Paul Maier, Jason Maier, Cindy Ricks and Pammie Dyer; two great-grandchildren, Brandie Gipson and Ryan Dyer; two great-great-grandchildren, Wesley Gipson and Bradley Gipson; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Elm Grove Cemetery. The Rev. William Miller will officiate.

Visitation will be at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Wilford H. Brandon

The funeral for Wilford H. Brandon will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Tony Kelton will officiate. Burial will follow in Murray Memorial Gardens at Murray.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Alzheimer Association, 3703 Taylorsville Rd., Suite 102, Louisville, KY 40220.

Mr. Brandon, 73, Paducah, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at 4:38 a.m. at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Paducah.

He retired after 37 years from Union Carbide/Martin Marietta. An Army veteran of World War II, he served overseas in the Philippines and Japan. A charter member of Concord Fire Department for 20 years, he was a member of Heath Church of Christ where he served as an elder for 20 years. He was a Kentucky Colonel.

Born in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Alvin Brandon and Trudy Walker Steindorf. One brother, Marshall Brandon, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Myra D. Brandon, to whom he had been married for 53 years; four sons, Kerry G. Brandon and Kent R. Brandon, both of Paducah, Timothy D. Brandon, Ladson, S.C., and Jerry W. Brandon, West Paducah; four brothers, Frank Brandon, Gene Brandon and Junior Brandon, all of Murray, and Wasson Brandon, Jonathan Creek; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ruby Allbritten

Mrs. Ruby Allbritten, 96, Stalene Road, Hazel, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at 9:30 p.m. at the Long Term Care Unit of Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Her husband, James O. Allbritten, two sons, James Allbritten and J.R. Allbritten, three sisters, Addie Carr, Gracie Robinson and Irene Hale, and three brothers, Edd Clark, Bud Clark and Carter Clark, all preceded her in death. Born Oct. 8, 1903, in Buchanan, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Jimmy Clark and Sally Rebecca Phillips Clark.

Mrs. Allbritten, a homemaker, was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Dickie L. Raspberry and husband, Billy, Hazel; four granddaughters, Gale Raspberry, Sherry Knight, Jeannie Sargent and husband, Kevin, and Bobbie Ann Lewis and husband, Larry; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at New Providence Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Miller Funeral Home of Hazel after 6 p.m. tonight (Tuesday).

Ex-House member to admit to felonies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A legislator who resigned last week was charged Monday with insurance fraud and breaking campaign finance laws.

Democratic Rep. Porter Hatcher, who owned an insurance agency in Louisville, pocketed clients' premiums and refunds, according to a four-count information filed by the attorney general's office.

Hatcher also used campaign funds to cover shortages in his personal and business accounts, then falsified a campaign spending report, the information said.

Hatcher agreed to resign from the Kentucky House and pay back money he took. In exchange, the attorney general agreed to recommend a five-year sentence, probated because of Hatcher's poor health.

The amount of restitution is to be determined, according to the information, though it said Hatcher kept \$41,700 he should have paid to Dearbrook Insurance Co.

An information is similar to an indictment, which is issued by a grand jury.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK...Daniel Wilson, a 12th-grader at Calloway County High School, has been selected CENTURY 21 Loretta Jobs Realtors and WNBS 1340 AM Student of the Week for the week of Dec. 3. Daniel is the son of Joe Wilson, 350 Heron Road.

NASA's mission to Mars ends in silence

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The last realistic opportunity to contact the silent Mars Polar Lander ended today with no sign of life from the missing spacecraft, all but ending hope that the \$165 million mission can be saved.

Engineers have now eliminated all simple explanations for why they have not heard from the probe since its descent into the Martian atmosphere Friday. Two micro-probes that were to have landed separately also were lost.

"After four increasingly difficult days, the Mars Polar Lander flight team played its last ace," a somber Richard Cook, the spacecraft's operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said after today's early morning attempt.

The Mars Polar Lander is the second spacecraft to be lost over the Red Planet in less than three months. Like with Mars Climate Orbiter, internal investigators and outside experts will look at every detail of the mission — from development to disappearance.

This time, the Mars program as well as the space agency itself are likely to come under scrutiny. The pace of spacecraft development, budgets and launch rates all will be explored, said Dan McCleese, chief scientist of the Mars program at JPL.

"We need to ask ourselves what is the next best step to take from an engineering and science perspective to help us get a fresh look on how that balance can be played out," he said.

Over four days and six contact opportunities, engineers methodically eliminated possibilities that would explain the lander's silence, including a mispointed antenna, an inoperative direct-to-Earth connection and other computer safe-mode scenarios.

Efforts to reach it will continue for about two weeks, but no answer is expected. Any of those scenarios are much more compli-

Diabetes wristwatch receives green light

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Diabetics tired of those painful finger-prick blood tests required to check their blood sugar may soon wear a science-fiction-like wristwatch to do the job.

Cygnus Inc.'s GlucoWatch is poised to become the first painless glucose monitor. Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously Monday that it should be approved for use by adult diabetics.

The GlucoWatch works by sending tiny electric currents through the skin to measure glucose levels every 20 minutes — even while patients are sleeping. It sounds an alarm if patients' blood sugar hits dangerous levels.

Some 16 million Americans have diabetes, meaning their bodies cannot properly regulate blood sugar, or glucose. They check their lev-

els by pricking a finger and placing a drop of blood on reactive strips.

Doctors urge those tests be done frequently, four to eight times a day, because they can help patients better control diabetes and thus lower their chances of debilitating complications such as blindness, kidney disease and nerve damage.

But these fingerstick tests are painful and inconvenient, leading the average patient to test only twice a day, said Dr. Steven Edelman of the University of California, San Diego, who has diabetes himself.

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FROM OUR READERS

Veterans should be honored

Dear Editor:
As you know, Nov. 11 was Veteran's Day. I didn't know that until I came to school on the 11th.
I think citizens of Murray should know year round that Veteran's Day is on Nov. 11.
A way of doing this is for the city of Murray

to host a Veteran's Day Parade.
Every Veteran in Western Kentucky could be in the parade. It would be fun!
All I'm trying to do is to show the Veterans that we are thankful that they fought in wars for freedom, and that is why America is free! A lot of countries aren't free.
We should be thankful. I know I am!

Kyle Rogers
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Lighting the Christmas tree

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two nights before Christmas 1941, with the aftershock of the Pearl Harbor attack still raw and burning, the prime minister of Britain helped an American president light the White House Christmas tree.

"This is a strange Christmas Eve," Winston Churchill said, with the war "raging and roaring about us over all the lands and seas, creeping nearer to our hearts and homes."

But for just one night, he said, the world could put war aside and resolve to "make the children happy in a world of storm."

"Let the children have their night of fun and laughter," the prime minister said.

Illuminating a tree on the White House lawn, Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt displayed a determination that millions of Americans embraced throughout World War II.

Christmas lights and spirit would be kept bright, no matter what.

The Library of Congress has drawn from its shelves a treasury of wartime diaries, oral histories, heartfelt letters to and from the front, photographs and cartoons and put them in a book, "I'll Be Home For Christmas," published by Delacorte Press.

Familiar to all who lived through it, the book offers a frankly sentimental story of men and women who needed the sustenance that sentiment offered.

At home, for those wartime Christmases, people sent mail by the ton.

One naval commander said 200 pounds of morale-building mail did more for the war effort than all the experts Washington could send him.

Official propaganda and newspaper cartoonists drafted the popular symbols of Christmas into the cause of winning the war.

One cartoon shows a double line of reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh across the sky in a "V for

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LAWRENCE KNUTSON

Associated Press Writer

Victory" formation.

The diary of a 17-year-old high school girl in Hawaii records study halls, a sorority election and attending, on Dec. 3, 1941, a Technicolor movie, "Dive Bomber," starring Errol Flynn.

Four days later the dive bombers were real.
She wrote: "Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941: BOMBED! ... Pearl Harbor in flames."

Jim Wood, a 16-year-old in Beckley, W.Va., remembered the war bulletins mingling with Christmas carols from loudspeakers on Main Street.

"Listened ... until about 9 o'clock, then separated and made our way home because tomorrow was another school day," he remembered. "We didn't know that December 7 had changed our world forever."

Across that world, Army medics decorated would-be Christmas trees with hot water bottles and rubber gloves.

In 1944, one young couple, at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va., collected tin cans from the mess hall, "more tin cans than Popeye on a good spinach day" and cut them into stars and snowflakes.

Eleanor Roosevelt captured the mood at Christmas 1942.

"How completely the character of Christmas has changed this year," she wrote in her newspaper column. "I could no more say to you 'a Merry Christmas' without feeling a catch in my throat than I could fly to the moon!"

By 1944, the tide of war was definitely turning and essayist E.B. White discovered hopeful gifts

under the nation's Christmas tree, gifts that started with the beachhead at Normandy and the allied advance across France to the Rhine.

But if there were advances there were also costs.

They were measured in rows of white crosses, most in tribute to quite ordinary American boys.

But there were famous names among them.

Journalist Walter Cronkite described the funeral on Christmas Eve 1945 of Gen. George S. Patton, killed in a traffic crash, not by enemy fire.

He was buried in Luxembourg which his troops had liberated.

"Patton was buried the morning of this Christmas Eve in what he himself once had called 'damned poor tank country and damned bad weather,'" Cronkite wrote. "But he was buried in a precision-like military ceremony, touched by pomp and tendered by grief."

In September 1945, Navy chief radioman Walter G. Germann wrote his son from a ship anchored in Tokyo Bay to tell him that the formal surrender of Japan would soon be signed.

"When you get a little older you may think war to be a great adventure — take it from me it's the most horrible thing ever done by man," he wrote.

"This is the Christmas that a war-weary world has prayed for through long and awful years," Harry S. Truman said.

On the sea of faith

At 20, I successfully completed a wilderness course as part of a requirement for my undergraduate degree in English. I spent a week in the woods with a pride of Physical Education majors and got my fill of contact sports and nature, all in seven dismal days in the forest.

Since then, I've avoided close encounters of the natural kind. I can tolerate a backyard barbecue or a suite with a balcony overlooking the pool, but that's about as outdoorsy as I get.

So last summer, when I read about Louisville's Tori Murden and her plan to row across the Atlantic Ocean alone, I scoffed in that supercilious way English majors sometimes have.

"It's not going to make the world a better place to live," I carped.

But then I found myself following Tori's progress in The Courier-Journal each morning.

Grudgingly at first, I read the e-mails she sent back to the paper. Then I started paying attention to the weather forecasts.

Word of high winds and stormy seas in the south Atlantic made me uneasy. With each day, my scorn for Murden's journey was replaced by a little bit of apprehension and a lot of awe.

Sometime in the second month of the trip — perhaps after learning that Hurricane Lenny had capsize Tori's boat in 80-mile-per-hour winds and 20 foot waves — it dawned on me that I had a lousy, uncharitable attitude.

I was guilty of the kind of behavior I deplore in others. Without breaking a sweat or leaving the cozy comfort of my home, I had dismissed the whole idea of Tori's trip. What arrogance!

MAIN STREET

CONSTANCE ALEXANDER

Ledger Columnist



Like Paul, once I became a convert I never turned back. Today, I am an unabashed admirer of Tori Murden.

This sea change is not because she was successful in her quest, but because she had the courage to ignore naysayers like me to set a tough goal and then stick to it even when it seemed like folly.

This was not Tori Murden's first attempt to row the Atlantic. On June 14, 1998, she set out from Nags Head, North Carolina, to row to France.

Within eight days, her computer cable, the lifeline of her communication system, was damaged.

She spent the next 78 days without contact with the outside world, except for brief chats with passing ships on VHF radio.

After Hurricane Danielle capsize Murden's boat 15 times, she had to throw in the towel 950 miles short of her goal.

But Tori Murden didn't give up. On Sept. 13, 1999, she shoved off from Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, and headed out alone to cross the Atlantic.

As with the first, the second voyage was no day at the beach. Less than a month into her trip, she and her French support team changed her destination to Guadeloupe.

Then on Nov. 16, her 65th day on the water, extreme weather loomed, creating the same kind of situation that swamped her first

expedition.
In spite of the storm, Tori's vessel, the American Pearl, endured. In the end, winds from the northeast even blew her back on course.

So on Dec. 3, 1999, at 8:46 a.m., eastern standard time, Tori rowed in to Pointe-a-Pitre on Guadeloupe, achieving an astounding solo feat — an 82-day, 2,962-mile row.

Tori Murden is an American hero. Her incredible physical discipline is impressive. Her self-reliance and ingenuity are also inspiring.

And her psychological stamina in the face of isolation and unrelieved stress is astounding.

When asked what accomplishments the public might expect from her in the future, Tori responded simply: "I really hope my greatest accomplishments will be on land."

"I don't think they'll be athletic accomplishments, and I don't think they'll be anything the news media will come to cover. I hope they'll be meaningful from the human perspective."

An English major might have wished for a more poetic statement, a metaphor at least.

But Tori Murden studied for a degree in Divinity, which she got from Harvard in 1989.

Maybe that's how she learned that grace, modesty and faith build the muscles needed to reach seemingly unattainable goals.

Battle for undeclared voters

EXETER, N.H. (AP) — Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley are not running against each other — although they'd like to as presidential nominees — but they are competing for some of the same independent voters in the New Hampshire presidential primary.

In the Feb. 1 balloting, people registered as independents can cast ballots in either the Republican or Democratic primary. At 37 percent, the independents outnumber voters registered in either party.

At this point, McCain and Bradley, who sometimes campaign on the same themes, appear to be the candidates best positioned to attract independents, potential swing voters who could have a major impact in either party primary.

In judging success or failure in New Hampshire, winning isn't everything.

Margins of victory or defeat, measured against the polls and political expectations, can weigh for or against candidates. And it doesn't take many votes to alter those readings.

That magnifies the potential role of the independents.

While all the candidates obviously want them, tailoring a campaign to get them is the challenge.

McCain has made the most direct, organized effort to date. His campaign claims to have recruited some 2,500 Democrats to switch registrations to independent or Republican in order to vote for him.

The deadline for changes is past.

The new registration numbers count 274,927 independents; 265,679 registered Republicans, or 36 percent; and 197,816 Democrats, 27 percent.

With their shared emphasis on political reform and bipartisanship,

PERSPECTIVE ON POLITICS

WALTER MEARS

Associated Press Columnist



McCain and Bradley are campaigning with the messages that seem most likely to attract truly independent voters.

Indeed, McCain has said that he and Bradley could be in a kind of separate contest for the independents.

But an indirect one, as McCain challenges Gov. George W. Bush in the six-way Republican race, and Bradley runs against Vice President Al Gore.

"I'm competing against Al Gore, I'm not competing against John McCain," Bradley said the other day in Keene.

But he also said he knows how to win support among independents, because he did it in winning his Senate elections in New Jersey.

"This is not new territory for me," he said. "There are a lot of issues to attract independents."

He shares one with McCain — their stress on campaign finance reform.

"There are a lot of good people in politics, but they are trapped in a bad system," he said at Keene State College. "The system needs to change, and campaign finance reform is the way to change it."

"I can guarantee you that if I'm president of the United States, we're going to do campaign finance reform."

Reform is the centerpiece issue in McCain's Republican campaign.

"This system makes good people do bad things, and it's got to be fixed," the Arizona senator said in Exeter. "I want to get these huge amounts of money out of

American politics."

It is a popular promise; McCain and Bradley are applauded every time they repeat it.

The reform summons blends with their calls for a new era of bipartisanship, which also may register with independents.

"I hate to sound like Johnny One Note," McCain said, "but if the Democrats are gridlocked by special interests and big money on one side and the Republicans are gridlocked on the other side, you're not going to get bipartisan action."

"It's time we sat down and started acting in the public interest instead of the special interests," he said.

As does Bradley: "I believe that money is a wall that comes between the people and their elected representatives."

The former New Jersey senator said he wants to end the partisan, negative tone of politics, because doing that is essential to rebuilding trust in government.

New Hampshire polls indicate that Bradley has been gaining support among Democratic-inclined independents.

The Gore campaign has been trying to counter that by inviting undeclared voters to meet with him informally.

In the Republican contest, Bush campaigners say he'll get his share of the independents, because many of them are younger voters who tend to favor the Texas governor.

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JO'S DATEBOOK

Jo Burkeen
Today Editor

Today, Dec. 7, is a day that many of us of the older generation will remember all of our lives. It was on a Sunday in 1941 that our nation was attacked without warning by Japanese planes. The attack was made on our U.S. Pacific Fleet at anchor in Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. The World Book Encyclopedia says "with this attack the United States, Canada and Great Britain declared war on Japan on Dec. 8, 1941. The next day, China declared war on the Axis. Germany and Italy declared war on the United States on Dec. 11. World War II had become a global conflict."

Being a sophomore at Murray Training School at the time, I can still remember going into our social studies class on Monday, Dec. 8, and our teacher, the late Margaret Campbell, discussing the situation. We had heard about this attack by radio that Sunday and it was on all of our minds. After that we were to see many of our fellow students, friends and relatives being drafted for the armed forces. The war finally ended Sept. 2, 1945. May we never forget those who lost their lives in World War II or any war and be grateful for those men and women who served and are now serving and protecting our country.

MMS Council will meet

Murray Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 109 of the school. Stephen Kroehler, principal, invites the public to attend.

Parkinson's meeting Dec. 14

Parkinson's Support Group will meet on Dec. 14 instead of the date listed in this column on Monday. The meeting will be next Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the West View Nursing Home. For more information call Dixie Hopkins, speech language pathologist, at 762-1573 or Nancy Lyell LPN at 767-3672.

North committee will meet

The Assessment Committee of the North Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in the counselor's office. All interested persons are invited.

Kappa meeting tonight

Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet tonight (Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Dick for a Christmas party and Chinese auction. Other hostesses will be Dru McKinney, Sondra Barnett and Peggy Billington.

Blankenship Circle will meet

Blankenship Circle of South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Women will celebrate Christmas with their prayer friends on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner at the home of Clarkie Butterworth. Donna Whitfield will give a Christmas devotion.

Sigma meeting on Thursday

Sigma Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Pagliai's. Members are asked to note the change in meeting day for this month. Also the Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the club house.

Kirksey Post Office plans event

Kirksey Post Office will have a customer appreciation open house all day on Friday. The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Health Express will also be at the post office from 8:30 to noon on Friday. Refreshments will be served. Barbara Bucy, postmaster, and Peggy Greer, PMR, invite the public to visit the post office during this special open house.

Glendale Place plans event

Glendale Place Retirement Community will have a Christmas open house on Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. Guests are encouraged to participate in a door decorating contest by voting on your favorite decorations with pennies. All proceeds will go to charity. The public is invited to attend.

VFW Post will meet Thursday

H. Eddie Roberts Jr. Post 6291 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, South Sixth and Maple Streets, Murray. All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

Baseball team taking orders

The Murray Magic baseball team, a group of local 12-year-old boys playing as a traveling team next summer, is taking advance orders for the world-famous Krispy Kreme donuts through Wednesday. Team members will deliver the donuts to advance purchasers between 6 and 8 a.m. Saturday. Orders can also be placed by calling 767-0075.

NARFE Chapter will meet

Murray/Kentucky Lake Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will have its Christmas luncheon on Friday at noon at Kenlake State Resort Park Hotel.

Grace WMU will meet

The WMU of Grace Baptist Church will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lorine Smith. All interested women are invited.

Eva Wall group will meet

Eva Wall Mission Group of Memorial Baptist Church will meet Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon for the mission study for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. All interested women are invited.



ZETA MEETING - Hostesses for the November meeting of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club were, from left, Edwina Garrison, Janet Kirk, Frances Waggoner and Mayme Nell Staudacher. A tasting party of the items of the original Thanksgiving menu was held. The club will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. at the club house. Margie Shown will present a program of Christmas music.

Holt will be honored on 80th birthday

The family of William (Bill) Holt of Paris, Tenn., will host an open house in celebration of his 80th birthday on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Puryear Community Center, Puryear, Tenn.

Mr. Holt has 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Martha Olive and Reba Crouch, both of Paris, and Betty Kay Dick of Murray, and one son, Kenneth Holt of Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. Holt was born Dec. 10, 1919, in Buchanan, Tenn. His parents were the late Edwin and Ethel McSwain Holt. A member of the 1938 graduating class at Buchanan High School, he received the Bal-four Award and was active in many school groups including the Glee Club and Mixed Quartet. He played four years on the basketball team where he received the County Sportsmanship Award, and made the All-District Team.

A four-year veteran of World War II, he served in England and France receiving a Purple Heart and two battle stars.

He was married in 1948 to the former Myrtle Crawford, now deceased. In 1989 he married the former Marian Buckley and they reside on Elkhorn Road, Paris, Tenn.

A retired rural letter carrier of 26 years, he delivered on Rt. 1, Buchanan and later on Rts. 1 and 2, Paris. For his service he received the Special Achievement Award and Special Recognition Award. Prior to his work with the Postal Service, he worked at Bowling Green Rubber Company in Paris (now Plumley Rubber) and later for Holley Carburetor Company. He was a "Rain Gage Observer" for the Data Services Branch of TVA for 31 years.

Mr. Holt helped establish The Buchanan Saddle Club and was active in the club for several years. An avid gardener, he also raises

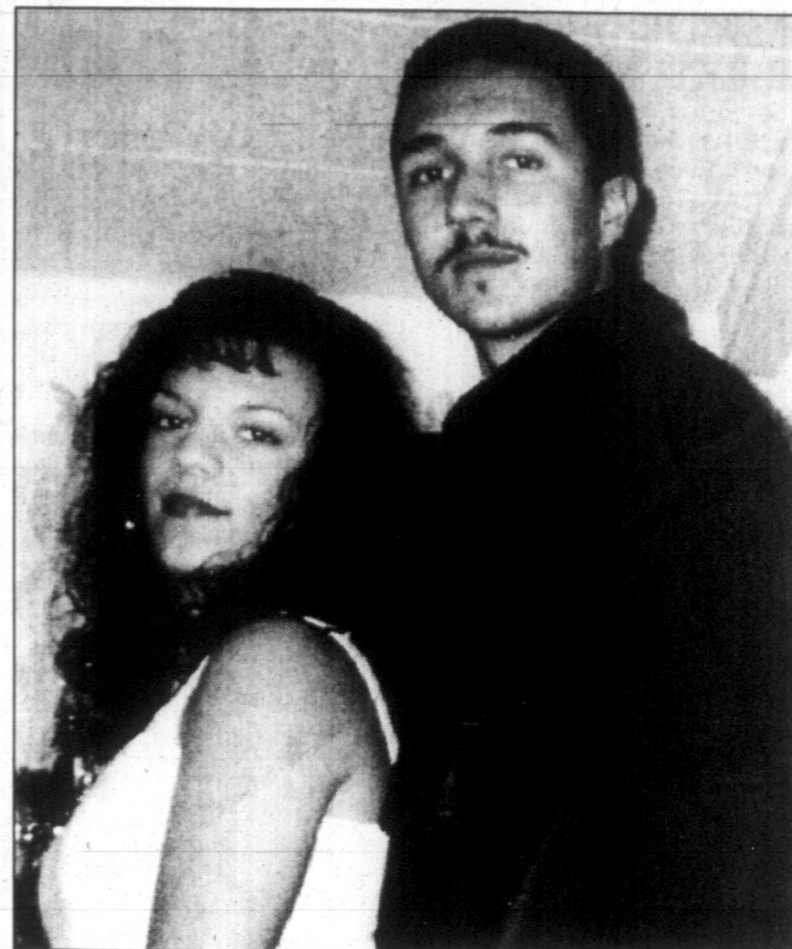


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Carmen Perez and Brandon Cortez Perez-Cortez wedding scheduled here Dec. 18

Carmen L. Perez and Brandon Daniel Cortez will be married on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at 4 p.m. at the Trinity Christian Center, North 18th and Calloway Streets, Murray.

The Rev. James M. Harris will officiate with music by Bonnie Tyra, soloist, and Brian Cortez, trumpeter.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the center.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend. Ms. Perez is the daughter of Debbie and Ron Bryant of Dos Palos, Calif., and Steve Perez of Madera, Calif.

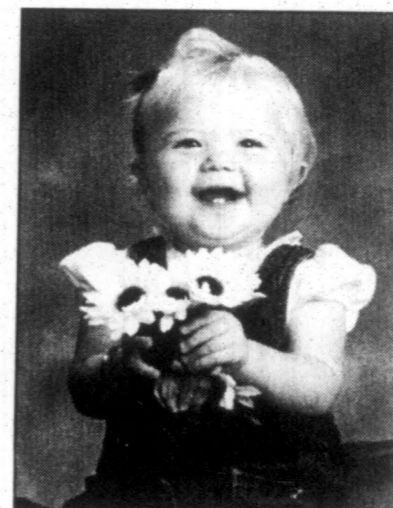
Mr. Cortez is the son of Linda and Danny Cortez of Murray. The bride-elect is a secretary for K.B. & Associates, Inc., Murray, where the groom-elect is also employed.

First birthday celebrated here

Lauren Elizabeth Hale celebrated her first birthday recently with a "Pooh" party.

She was born Oct. 20, 1998. Her parents are Roger and Jennifer Hale and her brother is Taylor Hale.

Those present at Lauren's birthday party were her parents; her brother; her great-grandfather, Owen Hale; her grandparents, Glenn and Eva Hale; her great-aunt, Clara Jean Paschall; her aunt, Lisa Lindsey; her uncle, John Austin McDaniel; her cousins, Ashley and Ryan Lindsey; special friends, Charles and Bobbie Burkeen, Jo Lynn McDaniel and Betty Riggs.



LAUREN HALE

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Doctor's discovery may end obesity

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Dr. Conte says that animal studies suggest the mechanism behind the weight reduction is due to interruption of the "Krebs Cycle", an important step in the body's fat storage process. He says it may work the same way in humans. According to Dr. Conte, "The best part of this unique discovery is that it is not a drug, but a dietary food supplement. The Asian fruit, called garcinia, is similar to citrus fruit found in the United States with one big exception-- it may help some people fight obesity! While Dr. Conte's study may be preliminary, the exclusive North American distributor, Phillips Gulf Corp., is calling the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement "Nature's Ideal Diet Aid."

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Rivals headed in opposite directions

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Murray State and Western Kentucky are two teams going in opposite directions this season.

The Racers are 5-1 and looking as strong as ever after a stunning 77-68 triumph over highly-rated Detroit Mercy during a nationally televised ESPN game Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Hilltoppers are struggling at 0-5, dropping an 81-69 decision at Mississippi State. Western has also lost to Southern Illinois (82-67), Evansville (42-

Racers, Hilltoppers to meet tonight at 7

47), St. Joseph's (61-55) and Akron (75-62).

However, Murray State head coach Tevester Anderson knows that records are of little consequence against the Racers' traditional rival.

"Anytime you play them, you have to expect a tough game," noted Anderson after Saturday's win.

"Right now, they're in a transition mode because of all the new players they have. But I expect

them to play very, very well," he added.

Tonight's game, which begins at 7 p.m. at WKU's Diddle Arena, will be the 139th meeting between the two schools. Only Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee Tech has faced MSU as many times (138).

The Racers won last year's contest 69-57 at the Regional Special Events Center and holds a two-game winning streak over the Hill-

toppers.

But Western leads the all-time series by a wide margin, 92-46. The Hilltoppers hold a 54-11 advantage in games played at Bowling Green.

Murray will be looking for its second straight victory in Bowling Green after downing WKU 86-75 in 1997. The Racers have won back-to-back games at Western only twice: the 1931-32 season and the '62-'63 and '63-'64

seasons. Senior forward Lee Lampley is the only Hilltopper averaging double figures in scoring at 14.2 points per game. Guard Filip Videnov follows with 9.6 points per outing. Center Chris Marcus leads Western in rebounding with 9.4 boards per contest.

The Racers are led by senior forward Isaac Spencer's 23.8 points per game - 10th in the nation. He also leads the team in rebounding at 9.7 per game, which is good enough for third in the OVC. Senior guard Aubrey Reese -

who was named OVC Player of the Week after averaging 22 points, five rebounds and five assists per game in the Racers' wins over Austin Peay and Detroit - is second on the squad in scoring with 18.7 points per game.

According to Spencer, the Hilltoppers will be anxious to catch the Racers off-guard.

"Western Kentucky knows that the best time to catch us is coming off an emotional win," he said. "But we're excited about this game, and we're going to be ready for them."

Bucs win fifth straight 24-17

King throws two TDS in win

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Warren Sapp wanted two touchdowns from the Tampa Bay offense. Shaun King delivered, and the Buccaneers defense did the rest.

The Bucs stopped Minnesota 24-17 Monday night, winning their fifth straight game to regain a share of the NFC Central lead with the Detroit Lions.

"In a game like this, you can't make mistakes and win," Vikings coach Dennis Green said after his team turned the ball over four times. "I guess you could get lucky, but I don't think I've ever been a guy that counts on luck."

That certainly wouldn't work against the Bucs defense, which scored on the third play of the game and spent the rest of the night making things miserable for Jeff George.

The Vikings quarterback threw for 271 yards and a touchdown, however he was intercepted twice by Donnie Abraham and sacked three times.

"What we needed was a complete performance from everyone on the team, and we got it," Sapp

said. "I think once we got 24 points, we thought: 'OK, that's enough to win it. We were getting a win, no doubt about it.'"

The Bucs are 8-4, mostly on the strength of the NFL's second-ranked defense. With King making his first start in place of injured quarterback Trent Dilfer, Sapp was asked what it would take to beat the high-scoring Vikings (7-5).

"If we can get 16 points every week, I'll take it," the two-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle said. "A couple of touchdowns, and we'll be fine."

The Vikings averaged 30 points in the five-game winning streak the Bucs snapped. They moved the ball Monday night, but Tampa Bay kept finding ways to keep them out of the end zone.

Minnesota drove into Bucs territory on each of their first four possessions, but the drives ended with an interception, fumble, missed field goal and another interception.

King's fumble and a muff on a punt return set up a pair of second-quarter touchdowns that put the Vikings ahead 14-10 at the half.

But all George could produce

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HUGE VICTORY: Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alstott rushed for 95 yards on 23 carries in helping the Buccaneers to a 24-17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings Monday night. The Bucs are now tied for first place in the NFC Central.

Calloway wins at Massac

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

METROPOLIS, Ill. — Call the members of the Calloway County girls' basketball team perfectionists after Monday's 47-25 win over West Frankfort (Ill.) at the Massac County Invitational.

With head coach Scott Sivills keeping senior point guard Brooke Lencki on the bench with two personal fouls, the Lady Lakers (1-1) outscored West Frankfort 6-2 in the second quarter before opening things up and seizing a 32-16 third-period lead.

In the process, Calloway held the Lady Redbirds (3-1) to seven first-half points and 10-of-43 (23 percent) shooting from the field.

"We almost held the ball a little too much in the second quarter because we were looking for the perfect shot," Sivills said. "We held the ball for a minute or two every time down, took care of the ball and made every possession count, and I was proud of our intensity."

Lady Laker senior forward Tiffany Lassiter led all scorers with 18 points while Lencki and

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Seltzer lifts Lone Oak over Murray

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

LONE OAK - Heidi Seltzer scored a game-high 27 points as Lone Oak held off a late Murray High rally to down the Lady Tigers 58-55 in girls high school basketball action Monday.

Seltzer, the Lady Flash's top scoring threat, scored 18 points in the first half as Lone Oak built a 36-27 advantage at the halftime break.

"We didn't do a very good job on her defensively in the first half," said Murray High head coach Rechelle Cadwell. "We dug ourselves a hole early in the game, and it was very difficult to come back from that."

However, the Lady Tigers (1-2) battled back in the second half as senior guard Lindsay Lawson scored 15 of her team-high 24 points to draw Murray closer.

MHS trailed just 47-40 entering the fourth quarter and actually outscored the Lady Flash 15-11 in the final eight minutes, but came up short.

Despite the loss, Cadwell praised her team's comeback attempt.

"Being down by 12 points on

Lone Oak 58
Lady Tigers 55

Murray 14 27 40 - 55
Lone Oak 17 36 47 - 58
Murray (55) - Lawson 24, Dunn 11, Ray 11, Alexander 4, Tripp 3, Starks 2, Adich, Thompson. FG: 20. 3-point FG: 4 (Dunn 3, Lawson). FT: 11-16.
Rebounds: 26 Record: 1-2

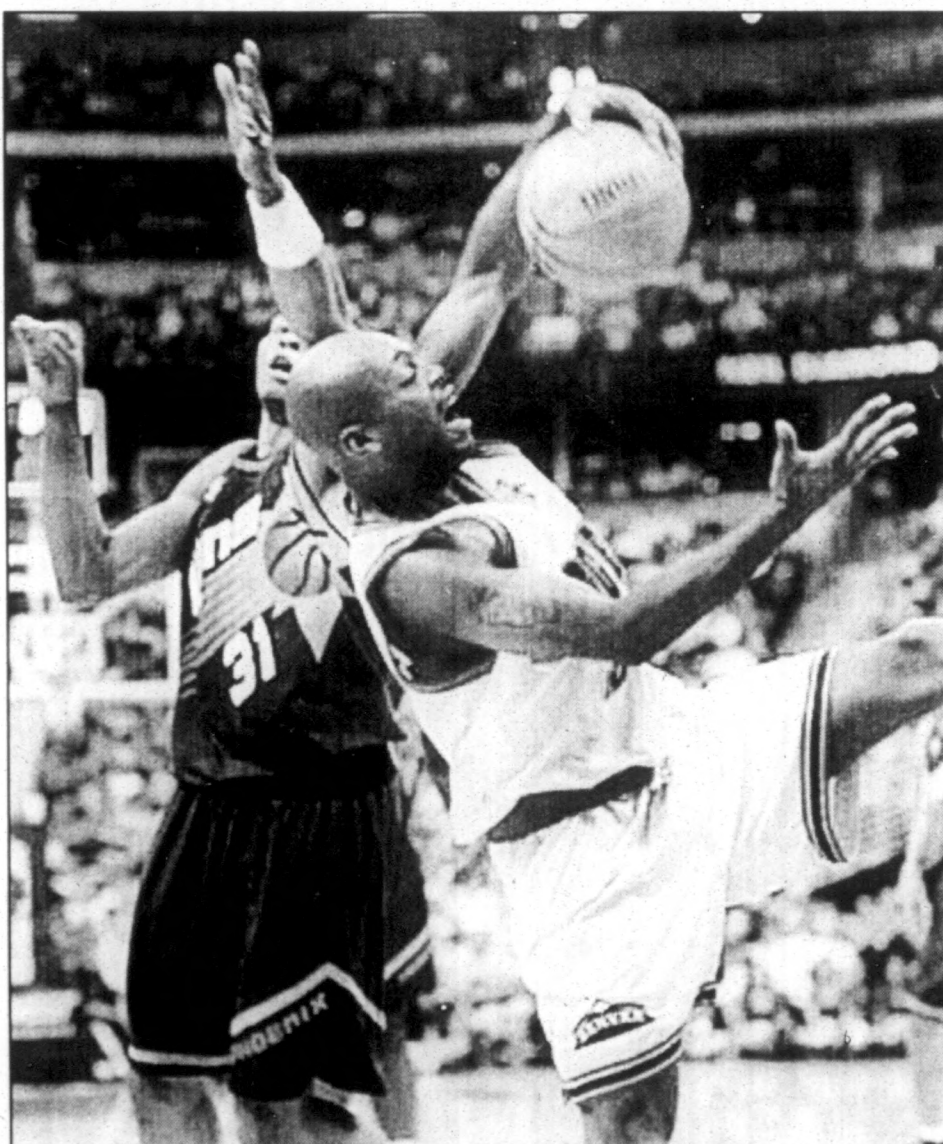
Lone Oak (58) - Seltzer 27, Angelly 8, Hall 8, McClure 7, Wright 4, Fox 3, Fesmire 1, Greenwell, Johnstone. FG: 30. 3-point FG: 3 (Hall 2, Angelly). FT: 5-9. Rebounds: 27. Record: 3-0

the road, we could have just folded our tents," said Cadwell. "But our kids never quit. They showed us what they were made of."

Ashley Dunn and Whitney Ray followed Lawson's lead with 11 points each. Murray connected on 20 field goals, including four 3-point baskets. The Lady Tigers were 11-of-16 from the free throw line.

Sara Angelly and Natalie Hall each scored eight points for Lone Oak. The Lady Flash scored on 30 field goals, including three from behind the arc. They were 5-of-9 from the charity stripe and out-rebounded MHS 27-26.

The Lady Tigers return to action Thursday at Carlisle County.



Van Exel leads Nuggets over Sixers 94-77

By The Associated Press

One of the worst road teams in NBA history, the Denver Nuggets have suddenly found a way to win away from home.

Nick Van Exel had 34 points, eight rebounds and seven assists as the Nuggets won their second straight road game, defeating the Philadelphia 76ers 94-77 Monday night.

"It's big for us as a team," Van Exel said. "To start out 2-0 on this road trip is a big boost for us."

The Nuggets lost their first five games away from Denver this season, dropping their road record to 5-81 dating back to 1997. But they beat the Knicks in New York on Sunday, and followed that up with a win at Philadelphia that featured a 19-point fourth quarter by Van Exel.

"Everybody on the bench kept telling me to take over, and the coaches kept calling isolation for me," he said. "They gave me the green light."

In other NBA games, it was New Jersey 109, Sacramento 95; Houston 102, Vancouver 99; Utah 102, Washington 96; and Miami 99, Los Angeles Clippers 91.

Antonio McDyess had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets, who outscored Philadelphia 36-17 in the fourth quarter.

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Nick Van Exel scored 34 points and totaled eight rebounds and seven assists as the Denver Nuggets defeated Philadelphia 94-77 Monday.

For Mumme, Music City invite ends nervous wait

By TIM WHITMIRE
AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A win in the Music City Bowl would allow 6-5 Kentucky to finish with the same record as last year's team — and would confirm coach Hal Mumme's suspicion about his squad.

"Even though the record (would be) the same, I think this is a better team, because they weren't as talented and they played togeth-

er and achieved the same record," Mumme said Monday as he discussed his team's invitation to play 6-5 Syracuse in the Dec. 29 bowl at Nashville, Tenn.

Over the last two weeks, even as Kentucky looked like a lock for a bowl bid, Mumme said he was haunted by memories of being left out of the Division II playoffs when he coached at Valdosta (Ga.) State.

"It's kind of tough to sit around

for a couple of weeks and wait to see if you're going to get selected," Mumme said. "I've done that before and been disappointed, at Valdosta, when we didn't get in the playoffs in 1993 and, let me tell you, that's a tough one to tell the kids after they don't get selected. ... You don't take anything for granted. Once you lose out in that situation, it never goes away."

Now the Wildcats are Nashville-bound, celebrating a second consecutive postseason trip in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the program. After going 7-5 and losing to Penn State in the Outback Bowl after the 1998 season, Kentucky lost wideout Craig Yeast and the entire offensive line to graduation and saw star quarterback Tim Couch leave early for the NFL.

Mumme's team was blown out by Louisville in its opener, but rallied to win five of the next six, including a three-game Southeastern Conference winning streak.

Riddled by injuries in the secondary and receiving corps, the Wildcats then stumbled, losing three of their last four games, but secured bowl eligibility with a Nov. 13 win at Vanderbilt.

"I really appreciate our players for having persistence and the courage to hang in there through a very trying season, come out winners and be able to be select-

ed for the postseason," Mumme said. "I think that any time you see a team overachieve, I think that's a great tribute to young people, and it is something that is deserving of going to the postseason."

Safety Anthony Wajda said going to back-to-back bowls means the Kentucky program has reached a new level.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Cincinnati (55)	5-0	1,747	1
2	Arizona (6)	6-0	1,647	4
3	Stanford (9)	5-0	1,620	3
4	Michigan (9)	6-1	1,454	8
5	Kansas	6-0	1,451	6
6	Connecticut	5-1	1,402	5
7	North Carolina (1)	5-1	1,333	2
8	Auburn	4-1	1,231	7
9	Florida	5-1	1,044	11
10	Texas	4-1	1,043	9
11	UCLA	4-0	1,032	12
12	Syracuse	6-0	994	14
13	Ohio State	2-1	869	15
14	Duke	5-2	822	17
15	Indiana	4-0	774	23
16	Tennessee	6-0	760	18
17	Oklahoma St.	6-0	550	21
18	Wake Forest	5-0	475	10
19	Temple	2-2	395	10
20	DePaul	4-2	378	22
21	Maryland	6-2	317	24
22	Illinois	3-2	272	16
23	Kentucky	3-3	224	13
24	Gonzaga	4-1	194	25
25	Purdue	3-2	181	19

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Connecticut (41)	6-0	1,097	1
2	Tennessee (2)	5-1	1,045	3
3	Louisiana Tech (1)	5-1	1,005	4
4	N.C. State	7-0	908	6
5	Georgia	9-1	897	2
6	Auburn	5-0	836	8
7	Notre Dame	4-1	785	11
8	UCLA	2-2	777	5
9	Iowa St.	4-1	694	12
10	Oregon	5-0	648	13
11	North Carolina	3-0	579	9
12	Texas Tech	5-0	514	16
13	Rutgers	3-2	496	7
14	Kansas	5-0	481	18
15	LSU	5-1	441	23
16	Penn St.	4-2	440	14
17	Illinois	5-3	394	10
18	Purdue	5-1	352	17
19	Arizona	5-0	344	21
20	Duke	6-1	304	22
21	Old Dominion	4-1	291	19
22	Stanford	2-1	258	20
23	UC Santa Barbara	4-3	196	15
24	Virginia Tech	5-2	130	25
25	Mississippi St.	6-0	77	—

Bucs ...

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after that was Gary Anderson's 34-yard field goal that trimmed a 10-point deficit to 24-17 with 5:50 to go.
"It was a great win under a really tough set of circumstances," said Bucs coach Tony Dungy, whose team lost Dilfer last week with a broken right collarbone and faced the Vikings without running back Warrick Dunn.
"I thought our guys did a great job of rallying around Shaun ... We overcame some adverse things out there in a very big game. I really thought the character of this team came through before a national television audience."
As he promised, King was poised and took advantage of most of the opportunities he had to get the Bucs into the end zone.
While he only threw for 93 yards, completing 11 of 19 passes with one interception, he connected with Jacques Green and Dave Moore to put the game out of reach.
"I told you guys all week that I wasn't nervous," said the 22-year-old rookie, a native of nearby St. Petersburg who led Tulane to a 12-0 record last season.
"My dad has a saying that if you're worrying, you ain't praying. So I was doing a lot of praying, and I wasn't doing any worrying. I felt like the coaches did a really good job of preparing me for the game."
The Bucs can take over sole

SCHEDULE

TODAY

MEN'S BASKETBALL
• Murray St. vs. Western Ky. Bowling Green — 7:00

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
• Evansville vs. Murray State RSEC — 7:00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
• Massac County Invitational Calloway vs. Carbondale (Ill.) Metropolis, Ill. — 6:00

BOYS' BASKETBALL
• Heath vs. Murray Murray — 6:00

THURSDAY

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
• Massac County Invitational Calloway vs. Massac Co. (Ill.) Metropolis, Ill. — 8:00

PREP BASKETBALL
• Murray vs. Carlisle County Bardwell — 6:00/7:30

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Calloway ...

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Whitney Ragsdale added six points apiece and Jena Thomas pitched in four points off the bench in her first game back since suffering an Achilles' tendon injury during the off-season.
Jenni Pigg contributed four points and a team-high seven rebounds, while Lassiter and Thomas each grabbed five boards and Lencki recorded seven assists and four steals.
Calloway sank 19-of-45 (42 percent) of its field goals, including 4-of-11 from 3-point range, and all five free-throw attempts in building leads of 13-5 after one quarter and 19-7 at the half.
Sarah Riva paced West Frankfort with 15 points, making the team's lone 3-pointer, but the Lady Redbirds converted just 4-of-12 foul shots. Both teams were guilty of 18 turnovers.
The Lady Lakers face 5-3 Carbondale (Ill.), a 57-56 loser to tournament host Massac County (5-1) Monday, today at 6 p.m. in the round-robin tournament.

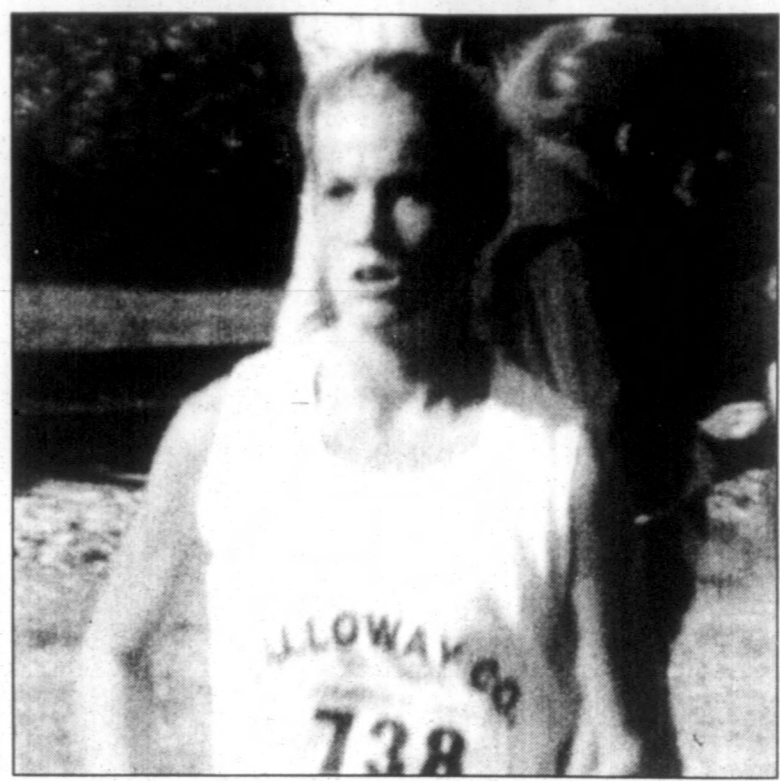
Van Exel ...

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Tyronne Hill scored 16 points and George Lynch grabbed 13 rebounds for the 76ers.
"We had no energy," coach Larry Brown said. "It was like we were running on sand and they were running on ice."
Nets 109, Kings 95
Stephon Marbury had 26 points and 14 assists, and Keith Van Horn scored 27 as New Jersey won for just the third time this season.
New Jersey (3-15) took control by outscoring Sacramento 30-15 in the third quarter. The weary Kings were playing their fifth straight road game.
Lucious Harris added 14 points for the Nets, and Jamie Feick grabbed 16 rebounds. Chris Webber had 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Kings.
Rockets 102, Grizzlies 99
Charles Barkley scored 25 points and Walt Williams hit a critical 3-pointer in the final minute as Houston handed Vancouver its 30th straight road loss.
Vancouver trailed by 12 points with 4:48 left in the third quarter, but rallied to take a 96-95 lead on Shareef Abdur-Rahim's basket with 2:11 remaining in the game. Cuttino Mobley put the Rockets ahead with a driving layup, and Williams' 3-pointer made it 100-96 with 59 seconds remaining.
Abdur-Rahim led the Grizzlies with 24 points.
Jazz 102, Wizards 96
At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone had 32 points and 11 rebounds as the Jazz beat Washington.
The Wizards closed to 99-96

Lady Lakers 47

West Frankfort (Ill.) 25
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Calloway Co. 13 19 32 - 47
West Frankfort (25) — Riva 15, Conaughy 5, Kiselewski 2, Feldman 2, Nolen 1, Kutcosky, Castrale, Dimmick, Taylor, Watson. FG: 10-43, 3-point FG: 1-7 (Riva), FT: 4-12. Rebounds: 22. Record: 3-1.
Calloway Co. (47) — Lassiter 18, Lencki 6, Ragsdale 6, Pigg 4, Thomas 4, Morton 3, Macha 2, Mi. Rogers 2, Stonecipher 2, Prescott, Me. Rogers. FG: 19-45, 3-point FG: 4-11 (Ragsdale 2, Lassiter, Morton). FT: 5-5. Rebounds: 26. Record: 1-1.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Calloway's Hart to run for U.S. in Barcelona
Calloway County High School sophomore Amanda Hartman recently chosen to be one of the 80 members of the Junior United States Cross Country Team heading to the international meet Dec. 31 in Barcelona, Spain. Hart will be leaving Murray Dec. 26 and returning Jan. 2.
Hart is the daughter of Donald and Sheila Hart Sr. of Murray and the granddaughter of Henry and Linda Blakely of Murray.

Mumme ...

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"I've been here two years and I've gone to a bowl two years, so right now, going into the next two years, I don't really expect anything less than to go to a bowl and it should be bigger bowls," he said. "It's a huge confidence builder. Now you've got kids coming in, expecting to go to bowls, whereas, maybe two or three years ago, they came in expecting four or five wins a season and a bowl was kind of out of their minds, a hope."
If Kentucky exceeded expecta-

tions, Syracuse enters the Music City Bowl trying to salvage a lost season. The Orangemen started 5-1, but never recovered after a 62-0 loss at Virginia Tech on Oct. 16, losing four of their last five, including a 24-21 overtime loss to perennial Big East cellar-dweller Rutgers.
"They're a talented team," Mumme said of Syracuse. "I know they haven't had the season they wanted to have. They're obviously a nationally recognized program and are probably disappointed to be where they are right now, which makes them kind of dangerous."

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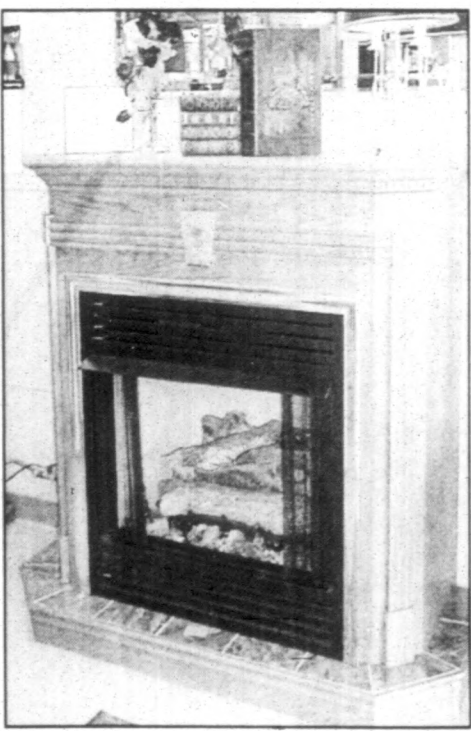
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Persons having property of this nature should submit a written proposal to include your name, address, telephone number, address and description of existing property along with a scaled or dimensioned floor plan showing its interior layout (to include walls, doors, windows and columns), and the date of its availability for lease to: Division of Real Properties, Leased Properties Branch, **Re: PR-4475**, Bush Building, 3rd Floor, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-2607. (FAX responses will not be accepted.)

Proposals for new construction must include the name, address, and phone number of the property owner; the date of availability; verification that the property is properly zoned for the proposed use; a scaled plot of the site identifying the location of the proposed building and parking area(s) with a vicinity map indicating the location of the site; and a scaled or dimensioned floor plan showing the exterior layout of the proposed building to include walls, doors, windows, columns, and any other structural considerations that may affect design of the interior space.

All responses received will be publicly opened and read at the above designated time. Note: if you plan to attend the bid opening and have a disability which requires accommodation by the Division of Real Properties, please contact our office by **Monday, December 27, 1999** to permit us to make reasonable arrangements.

Any property selected for lease must meet OSHA specifications, ADA guidelines, and all applicable building codes as enforced by the Division of Building Codes Enforcement. The property must meet applicable planning and zoning regulations and meet any applicable subdivision restrictions. PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY STATING THAT YOUR HOUSE IS PROPERLY ZONED FOR USE AS A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY.

Arrangements will be made to view all properties meeting the general specifications of this lease project. A representative of the Leased Properties Branch will contact you to arrange an appointment to inspect the proposed facility. For additional information, call Brien Hoover of the Leased Properties Branch, Division of Real Properties, at 502/564-2319, ext. 235.

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HOROSCOPES

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec 8, 1999.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are feeling good, and you have a strong sense of what works and what doesn't.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). What goes through your mind is worth working with. A dream or off-the-wall idea is worth trying out on a key associate or partner.

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DR. GOTT

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a year ago, I suffered injury to the nerve of my arm. This has led to a weakness of the deltoid muscle, which became atrophied. Now my arm has dropped down about three-quarters of an inch out of its socket. Other than physical therapy, is there anything that would help my shoulder repair itself?

DEAR READER: The deltoid muscle, on the outer surface of the shoulder, serves primarily to abduct the arm; that is, it enables us to raise the arm away from the body. The deltoid also helps to hold the shoulder in place. A nerve injury to the deltoid is a serious handicap, because atrophy (withering) and weakness almost invariably result.

Assuming that the nerve damage is surgically uncorrectable, your best bet is probably physical therapy — a long and arduous process to train other shoulder muscles to compensate for the weak deltoid. Many medical centers have physiatrists, M.D.s who are specially trained in rehabilitation; such a resource is worth investigating. As a last resort, an orthopedic surgeon might be able to operate on your shoulder to re-stabilize it. In my view however, a program of physical therapy is your best option. There is nothing else that you (or anyone else) can do to help the shoulder repair itself.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, age 59, recently died an untimely death from congestive heart failure. She was a heavy smoker. Is heart failure inherited?

DEAR READER: When the heart beats ineffectively, excess fluid is trapped in the body and builds up in tissues, causing lung congestion, liver enlargement, ankle and leg edema (swelling), and general water-over-

load. Most people who die from congestive heart failure suffocate because the lung fluid replaces air and they cannot breathe.

This serious affliction is not, generally speaking, inherited — although some cardiovascular disorders (such as hypertension and coronary artery disease) may run in families. Any disease affecting the heart can lead to fluid accumulation, including alcohol damage and malnutrition, as well as the disorders I mentioned. Because cigarette smoking is associated with vascular disease, it could certainly have contributed to your mother's death.

In most cases, congestive heart failure is treatable and controllable with certain medicines or, in some instances, with surgery. However, for the therapy to be effective, patients must lose weight, stop smoking, limit salt intake, lower serum cholesterol, and make whatever lifestyle changes are necessary.

Perhaps your mother's death should give other family members the incentive to reduce cardiac risk factors. For example, hypertension — dubbed "the silent killer" — can usually be brought under control before it causes heart damage. Similarly, other risk factors, when addressed early, can usually be modified. If, for instance, your family has an inherited tendency to high cholesterol, prompt and ongoing medical therapy might save other members from premature death. Should this be the case, your mother's demise might well lead to unexpected and positive consequences. 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.

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Nameless Please" was shortsighted. (She was four months pregnant when she married, and had lied for 39 years about the date of the wedding.) You advised her to say nothing now.

My half-sister, "Stella," gave birth to my niece "Lucy" 13 months before she married "Wayne." Stella never named Lucy's biological father. The marriage lasted until Stella's death 11 years ago.

Stella and Wayne (who was not Lucy's biological father) told Lucy they married two years before they actually did — making it appear that Lucy was conceived after the wedding.

A few years after Stella died, my mother (Stella's stepmother) visited Wayne and essentially browbeat him about the lie he and Stella had told about their wedding date, and how it would affect Lucy when she eventually found out.

After Mother left, Wayne called Lucy in tears. Lucy raced to his home fearful of what was wrong. Wayne began to tell Lucy the truth. When she realized what he was trying to say, she stopped him. She had found her parents' marriage certificate more than 10 years earlier. When she hosted their silver anniversary party, she knew then it had actually been their 23rd. She didn't care!

Mr. and Mrs. Nameless should tell their children the truth, and give them an explanation of what happened and why they lied about it. The climate was very different then. "Nice" boys and girls didn't get pregnant before marriage.

The truth may save one of their grandchildren from falling into the trap the Nameless fell into. The virtue in their story is that they apparently have been faithful to each other all their lives. They have nothing to be ashamed of — and a great deal of which to be proud. JOHN A., STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

children — clearly that was the case with the couple who wrote to me.

Since I printed that letter, I have received many letters describing the pain caused by parents keeping this secret from their children, stating that it was greater when it was finally uncovered than it would have been had it been dealt with in a forthright manner. Read on for yet another view:

DEAR ABBY: May I offer my thoughts to "Nameless, Please," who was concerned about telling her children the real anniversary date, which had been hidden for 40 years?

Abby, their real anniversary date was the date they made a commitment to each other.

As I say in the wedding ceremonies I perform, "Marriage is an act of faith and a personal commitment, as well as a moral and physical union between two people." When that commitment is made, married life begins.

I applaud that couple for their faithfulness to each other.

THE REV. MARILYNNE NEWMAN, LAKE FOREST, CALIF.

DEAR MARILYNNE NEWMAN: I know you are right. Your answer to that question is more profound and comforting than the one I gave. Thank you for writing.

LOOKING BACK

Ten years ago

Rick and Stacy Murdock of Murray have been selected as one of the nation's top three outstanding and innovative farm and ranch families in the 1989 National Conservation Farmer Award Program.

Published is a picture of Tammy Nanney, desk manager at Kenlake State Park, hanging lights on the tree at the park entrance on Kentucky 94 preparing for the Christmas season. The photo is by Staff Photographer David Tuck.

Births reported include a boy to Crystal and Frank Brown and a girl to Tammy and Thomas Hollingsworth, Dec. 1.

Twenty years ago

Mike Gottfried, Murray State University Head Football Coach, was named "Citizen of the Year for 1979" by the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce at its 53rd annual banquet at the MSU Beshear Gymnasium.

Births reported include a girl to Gerald and Colleen Cavanaugh Linn, Nov. 10; a boy to Dr. Jerry and Donna Jacks Ingram, Nov. 27; a girl to Robert Grant and Patsy Burken Black, Nov. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkins will be married 50 years Dec. 11.

Thirty years ago

Marine Pvt. Patrick R. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Taylor of New Concord, is serving with "E" Company, Second Battalion, Eighth Marine Regiment at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Births reported include a boy to Dr. and Mrs. Ted Ford Sykes, Nov.

29; a girl to Sp5 and Mrs. Johnny Outland Jr., Nov. 29; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry York and twins to Mr. and Mrs. Keys McCuiston, Dec. 1.

Murray State University Racers beat University of California at Riverside in a basketball game. High team scorers were Jimmy Young for Murray and Washington for California.

Forty years ago

Great progress has been made at Douglass High School with the new addition, according to W.Z. Carter, superintendent of the Murray City Schools.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davenport, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Roberts, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Norsworthy, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Fifty years ago

J.I. Fox, former sheriff of Calloway County, has been named as chief of the Murray Police Department to succeed Burman Parker who has retired.

Anne Lowry, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C.S. Lowry, and Sara Outland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Outland, all of Murray, were among 14 students at Murray State College selected to be listed in the publication, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Broach, Nov. 30.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 1999. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:
In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1842, the New York Philharmonic gave its first concert.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Wincoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Wincoff.

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

In 1982, convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Junior became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

Five years ago: PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Gaza City, pledged to protect Israelis from militant extremists.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Safety First

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A
- ♥ A J 6
- ♦ Q J 8 7 2
- ♣ K 9 6 3

WEST

- ♠ Q 9 7 6
- ♥ 9 5
- ♦ 6 5 4
- ♣ Q 10 5 2

EAST

- ♠ 10 8 5 3 2
- ♥ 10 8 4 3
- ♦ A K 3
- ♣ 8

SOUTH

- ♠ K J 4
- ♥ K Q 7 2
- ♦ 10 9
- ♣ A J 7 4

The bidding:

- North East South West
- 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
- 2 ♠ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

In most deals, declarer's main objective is to make the contract. In attempting to meet this goal, he should not allow himself to be diverted by other factors that are not relevant to his primary objective.

Consider this case where declarer might easily go wrong. West leads a spade to dummy's ace, and the question is how to continue. Let's say South leads a diamond from dummy, attempting to establish his longest suit. East goes up with the king and returns a spade through South's K-J. It

does not matter whether declarer finesses or not; in either case, the defenders' spades become established before dummy's diamonds.

If declarer now attempts to make the contract by leading a club to the king and a club back, planning to finesse, he learns soon enough that West has the queen. The best South can do at this point is to concede down one.

The result is the same if declarer, at trick two, starts out by playing the king and another club. After East shows out, there is no way to secure a ninth trick.

Yet there is a sure way to make the contract. South starts with eight tricks, and all he has to do is find a ninth. This can be done, regardless of how the clubs are divided, if he plays a low club to the ace at trick two and returns a low club toward dummy's K-9-6. Then:

1. If West shows out, South goes up with the king and returns a club toward the jack.

2. If West follows low at trick three, South inserts the nine, assuring three club tricks, come what may.

3. If West follows suit with the ten or queen, South wins with the king and is again sure of at least three club tricks.

The safety play in clubs thus ensures the contract against any possible lie of the cards.

Tomorrow: Thoughtful defense.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Forceful person
- 7 White compound
- 12 City in Ohio
- 13 Kampala's locale
- 15 Half an em
- 16 One guilty of treason
- 18 Exists (Latin abbr.)
- 19 Symbol for krypton
- 21 Slay
- 22 Tavern drinks
- 24 Feeble
- 26 Iranian currency
- 28 Day of the wk.
- 29 Fable writer
- 31 Starting from (2 wds.)
- 33 — Louis, Mo.
- 34 Stopper
- 36 Dirt
- 38 Hesitation syllable
- 40 Dillseed
- 42 — Pig
- 45 Alcoholic beverage
- 47 River in Belgium
- 49 Lay it on the —
- 50 Chew upon
- 52 New Mexico Indian tribe
- 54 Italian river
- 55 For example (Latin abbr.)
- 56 Blue mineral
- 59 Digraph
- 61 Thicker
- 63 Sue Lyon film
- 65 Coin of India
- 66 Kellerman and Struthers
- 1 White House initials
- 2 Derek Jeter, for one
- 3 Empire St.
- 4 Lawyer, for

DOWN

- short
- 5 TV alien
- 6 Walking — (feeling elated)
- 7 Single-edged sword
- 8 The conceit
- 9 — avis
- 10 — Cold Blood
- 11 Farewells (elated)
- 14 Useful quality
- 17 Skeleton parts
- 20 Grate onward
- 23 Army off.
- 24 NW state
- 25 Tropical nut
- 27 Noose
- 30 Feeble
- 32 Deceive
- 35 Token move
- 37 Stumble
- 38 Forced
- 39 Craving
- 41 Lacerate
- 43 Puzzling
- 44 Old pronoun
- 46 Mother
- 48 Agritates
- 51 Stinging insect
- 53 Colonnade
- 57 Last letter
- 58 Building addition
- 60 Possess
- 62 Greek letter
- 64 Negative prefix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	O	T	H	P	I	C	H	U	F	F
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CATERING JOB? HAIRDRESSER

CATHY

SANTA THEN: HE KNOWS IF YOU'VE BEEN BAD OR GOOD, SO BE GOOD FOR GOODNESS SAKE.
SANTA NOW: HE KNOWS IF YOU'VE BEEN BAD OR GOOD AND IS SECRETLY ASSEMBLING AN "ONLINE PROFILE" OF YOU: A RECORD OF EVERY WEB SITE YOU'VE VISITED... THE SIZES YOU'VE ORDERED... THE MONEY YOU'VE SPENT... THE TIME OF DAY YOU SHOP... ALL OF WHICH CAN BE SHARED WITH ANYONE ON THE PLANET WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OR PERMISSION.
ACK!

FOR BETTER or FOR WORSE

GRAMPA, I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
MY YOU'RE GETTING TALL!
HOW COME THEY'RE SO MANY SUITCASES?
APRIL! — YOU DON'T ASK QUESTIONS LIKE THAT AT CHRISTMAS!
HONEY, GO ASK YOUR MOM TO PUT ON SOME TEA.
CAN'T I HELP YOU UNPACK?

GARFIELD

POOKY, CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
HE'S CONTAINING HIS EXCITEMENT

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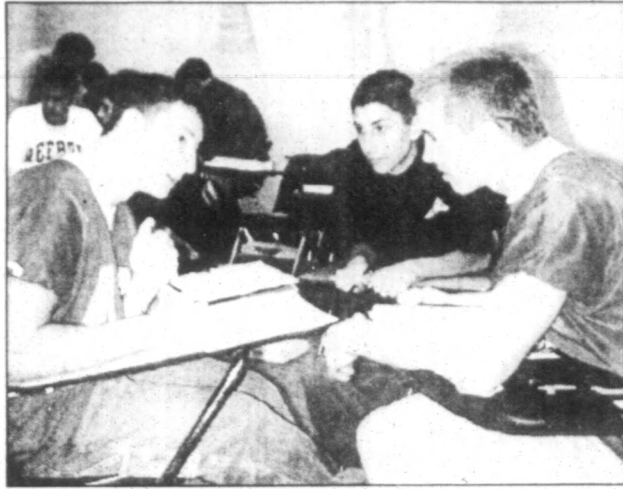
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Education

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PARTY ANIMALS...CCHS English III students are shown making plans for a party one of the characters in *The Great Gatsby* might have.



TRAINING SEMINAR...CCMS teachers Zane Yeater, Chris Fortenberry and Lisa McCree are participating in a Robotics Lab Training in the media center.



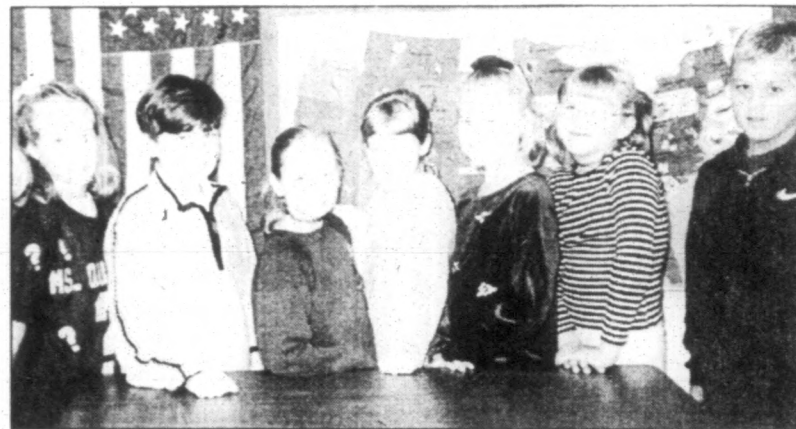
YOUNG ARTIST...Second-grader Chelcie Winchester, East Elementary, is pictured with the swan she created involving three-dimensional art.



GROUND WORK...Several East Calloway students and a teacher are pictured planting spring bulbs as a school beautification project.



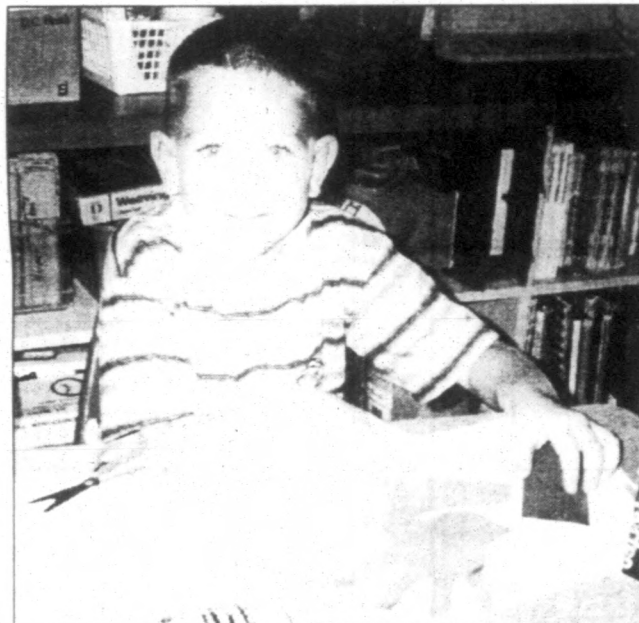
EGG DROP...MES students are pictured with the protective containers they designed to keep Humpty Dumpty safe. The containers were dropped on the playground to test their protective powers.



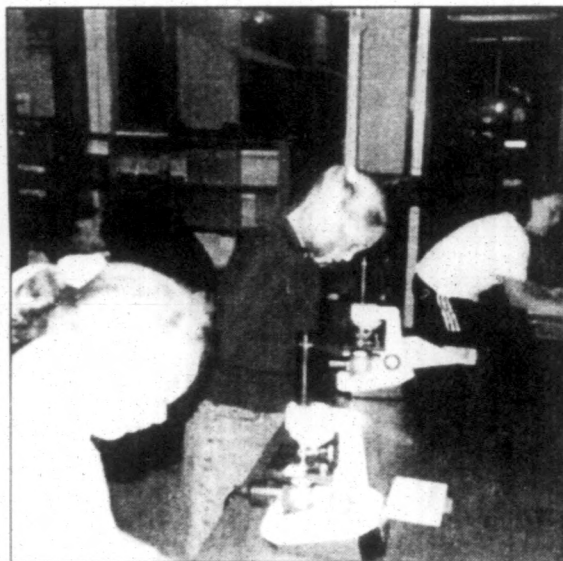
CHARACTERS...Students from Murray Elementary are cast as various characters on the morning program produced by MES's Tiger News.



CITY OF BLOCKS...MES students created a city structure out of blocks at Murray Elementary.



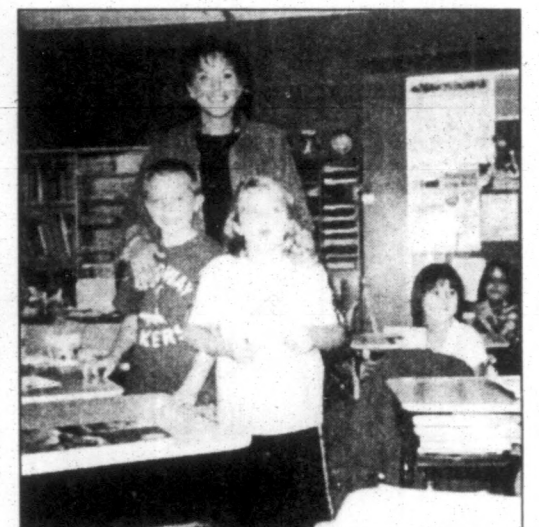
YOUNG APPLESEED...North Elementary student Tyler Morton is pictured making an apple tree using his hand prints during art.



RESEARCH...Fifth-graders at North Elementary are using microscopes to do research during science lab.



DEMONSTRATION GIVEN...Tung Dinh and Clay Choate demonstrates Tae Kwon Do to Southwest Elementary students.



SHARING...Valeria Conner shared information with Southwest Elementary students about Murray-Calloway County Transitional Homes.



READING RHYMES...Murray Elementary Principal Eleanor Mills, dressed as Mother Goose, reads nursery rhymes aloud to children on the outdoor play deck.



REWARD GIVEN...MES student Alex Adams is rewarded with a prize from Ms. Quizzmo after answering a question correctly on the Tiger Cub News.



SINGING SPANISH...Murray High student Brian Hughes entertains MES students with Spanish songs. Members of the Spanish Club visited Murray Elementary to teach younger children the language and culture of Spain.

Season's Greetings!

As you gather with loved ones during the holidays, we wish you all the best the season can bring.

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