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Funding over \$1M secured for MSU

Special to the Ledger
 WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Ky.) and 1st District Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.) helped secure over \$1 million for Murray State University technological programs.

A press release from Whitfield's office stated that the House of Representatives approved the Fiscal Year 2002 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Conference Report that included \$800,000 for the MSU Center for Teaching Excellence in Science and Mathematics.

The Center will be a collaboration between the College of Science, Engineering and Technology and the College of Education at Murray State, and will integrate math and science disciplines with other subjects in problem solving.

"In the next 10 years, our schools will need more than two million new teachers," the Hopkinsville Republican stated in the release. "These funds will help put quality math and science teachers in our children's classrooms ... throughout western Kentucky."

Bunning announced that \$300,000 will be used by MSU's Telecommunications Training and Learning Center (TTLIC) to assist western Kentucky schools in

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KRISTY HOPPER/Ledger & Times photos
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
 Pictured are a few of the displays up in the Murray Park. Images of the holiday season include a church singer (top, left), Santa in a train and, of course, the manger scene with Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. The displays are up through Dec. 28 and are lit at night. The park closes at midnight.

Zoning Board addresses conditional use permit, window signs

By EDWARD SHERIDAN
 Staff Writer

In July 1999, the Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments voted 3-2 to deny a request by St. John's Episcopal Church for a conditional use permit that would allow three Murray State University students to rent a house located at 1625 Farmer Avenue.

On Wednesday, though, the board voted 3-2 to approve a conditional use permit for First Presbyterian Church to rent a house at 104 Hickory Drive to either one MSU campus ministry intern or a married couple serving in the same capacity.

According to First Presbyterian pastor David Montgomery, the house will also be used to host meetings of the church's campus ministry group, which is made up of approximately 16 students. The campus intern, he said, would have an office at the house, as well.

The permit, however, came with several stipulations, all of which will be reviewed by the zoning board at the end of six months. Those stipulations include limiting the use of the property to campus ministry activities only; limiting the number of cars that can be parked at the residence at any one time to five; no parking on the street; no signs being posted at the residence; and no outdoor activities being conducted that are radically different from those at a normal single-family dwelling.

The permit also states that should the property be sold to another party, the conditions of the permit would be lifted. According to Butch Seargent, city director of planning and engineering, the large number of stipulations in the permit is not that unusual and permits are subject to review after one year anyway.

"The board could write anything into that permit they wanted to do," he said. "The problem is enforcement. We respond, basically, to complaints with this kind of thing."

Board members Gillis Bridges and Ed Davis voted against granting the permit, citing the 1999 decision as one reason. Board members Scott Seiber, Red Howe and Helen Spann voted yes.

Montgomery said a meeting had been held with surrounding property owners prior to the zoning board's Wednesday meeting. While there were some concerns pertaining to property value and traffic, most of the neighbors seemed to approved of the idea.

As far as the future of the house goes, Ken Wolf, a church trustee, said it may not even be owned by the church in the near future. "The trustees are generally of the mind that the church doesn't want to be a landlord," he said during the meeting. "I think the mindset is to try this for a year or two and then maybe sell the house when the market comes up."

The board also voted to have new regulations drawn up regarding window signs in city businesses.

According to Seargent, the city has traditionally operated with the mindset that if a sign is put up or painted on the outside of a busi-

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KenLake Foods, Mattel boost United Way figure

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
 Staff Writer

Two local industries have helped the local United Way go from 60 percent of its goal to 80 percent.

KenLake Foods recently made a \$52,000 donation to the organization, along with Mattel who made a donation on \$38,500.

"We were pleasantly surprised with both of them," said Peg Billington, director of the Calloway County chapter of the United Way.

Billington said several employees from KenLake Foods made donations of \$500 to \$1,000.

"I think it is an overall spirit in the plant," said Dawn Dill, reliability engineer and campaign coordinator for KenLake Foods. "They are all very giving."

Dill said it was also due to the programs KenLake offers employees for donations. Employees have the option of giving a certain percentage of what they make or donating what they feel comfortable from their paycheck. She said 244 of 351 employees participated.

"I am very proud," Dill said. "We were extremely surprised at the overall amount we ended up with."

Dill said the company surpassed the amount they donated last year by \$12,000.

Mattel took a different approach to good will. The company realized they had a surplus of items and decided to hold an auction, giving all proceeds to the United Way.

"Kind of what you would call a 'garage sale,'" said Keith Travis, Mattel's director of human resources.

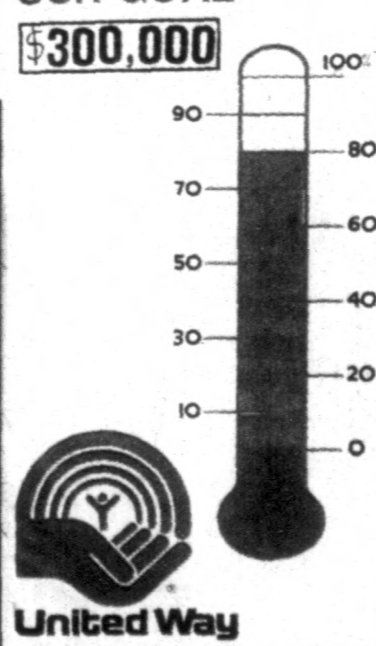
Travis said he knew the demands on the United Way reaching their goal would be difficult, considering the Sept. 11 events, and the company would have a tough time donating funds because of the planned plant relocation.

"It seemed like a natural fit," he said. "It couldn't come at a better time."

Travis said Mattel usually makes donations every year to the United Way and this year they surpassed all their expectations. "We have not been one of their largest contributors, but this year we are the third largest."

Billington said there would be a celebration for all the fundraising Jan. 18 at the Senior Citizens Center

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BRANDI WILLIAMS/Ledger & Times photo

at St. Leo's Catholic Church. "I think by the first of the year we should know where we stand," she said.

State's poverty rate declining

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The number of Kentuckians living in poverty appears to have declined from 1993 through 1998, according to new figures from the Census Bureau.

Still, there were 25 counties, all in eastern and southern Kentucky, in which at least one person in four was considered to be impoverished. For children, the poverty rate was at least that high in 51 counties.

County rates, which are used in administering various federal programs, were estimated on the basis of 1998 data, not the head count of the 2000 census.

The Census Bureau estimated that Kentucky's overall poverty rate was 15.3 percent in 1998, compared with a national rate of 12.7 percent. The poverty rate among children was 21.2 percent, compared with a national rate of 18.9 percent. On both fronts, Kentucky's rates declined from 1993, when 19.7 percent of all Kentuckians and 28.1 percent of children were thought to be living in poverty.

An analyst for the policy group Kentucky Youth Advocates was skeptical. Her organization contends the federal government's poverty measurement, which dates from the 1960s and was based only on food costs, is outdated.

"Kentucky still has nothing to brag about — that 21 percent of our children are living below the federal government's guideline for poverty," Abby Hughes Holsclaw said. "We know that families are struggling to meet their bare-bones budget."

Kentucky Youth Advocates claims the federal poverty level is only half the income a family requires for its basic needs.

The Census Bureau's estimated rates were derived from multiple "predictors," including income levels and numbers of exemptions that people reported on tax returns. Figures on Supplemental Security Income payments also were used.

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Package faces probable failure in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Senate Democrat lampooned a House-passed package of tax cuts and unemployment aid today (Thursday), as the Republican-written plan for lifting the recession-hobbled economy seemed certain to die.

"It's laughable," No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said of the GOP package, which the House approved earlier Thursday after meeting much of the night.

Reid said House passage of the measure was staged strictly for political purposes, with Republicans knowing it had no chance of clearing the Senate.

"I hope the American public understands the charade, and that's

what it is," Reid said.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., on Thursday accused the Senate of walking away from legislation that helps Americans suffering from the economic slump. "If I was president I'd call the Congress back the 2nd day of January and finish the work," Congress is not scheduled to return from their winter recess until Jan. 23.

Earlier, Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, said the House measure deserved a vote.

"This is bipartisan social policy everybody agrees needs to be done," Grassley said.

But Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., offered no guarantee of a vote, labeling the bill's busi-

ness tax cuts too large and its jobless health insurance subsidies too weak.

It appeared improbable that President Bush and Senate Republicans could muster the 60 votes necessary to prevent Senate opponents from blocking the bill, which the White House has sought since shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"They can be sure it will never, never, never become law," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York.

Bush kept up the pressure, issuing a pre-dawn statement: "For the sake of America's workers, I call on the Senate to act now on this plan, which can pass the Senate with a bipartisan majority if it is brought up for a vote. If this bipartisan bill gets to my desk I will sign it."

FirePoliceLogs

Calloway County Fire-Rescue

• Two trucks and six firefighters rescued a vehicle that was stranded in high water on Martin Chapel Road Monday. A six-wheel drive truck was used to rescue the occupant of the vehicle, a 1997 Nissan Altima. The occupant was not injured.

Murray Police Department

• Edwina Hargrove, age and address not supplied, was arrested Tuesday on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine; trafficking a controlled substance; trafficking marijuana; receiving stolen property; possession of drug paraphernalia/cocaine; and endangering the welfare of a minor. Hargrove was released from the Calloway County Jail on \$10,000 cash bond.

—Information obtained from reports, logs and citations from respective agencies.



Sen. Tom Daschle
Majority Leader, D-S.D.

Murray men arrested after car chase, fight on KY 94

Staff Report Murray Ledger & Times

HICKORY, Ky. — Two brothers from Murray were arrested Tuesday following a car chase and fight on KY 94.

Kevin H. Bray, 25, and Timothy L. Bray, 32, were each arrested and charged with second-degree assault following the incident. Both are currently lodged in the Graves County Detention Center on \$10,000 cash or property bond each.

According to a press release from the Kentucky State Police, the car chase began Tuesday when Bryan Moreland, 34, Wingo, allegedly took a van belonging to his estranged wife, Karen Moreland, without her permission. Timothy Bray and Karen Moreland then pursued the van west on KY 94 and stopped Bryan Moreland approximately two miles east of Tri City.

Once the van was stopped, a fight broke out between Bryan Moreland, Timothy Bray and Kevin Bray, who was also pursuing the van. Bryan Moreland was able to get back into the van and get away, with the Brays giving pursuit again.

During the second chase, Bryan Moreland suddenly stopped the van, causing Kevin Bray's vehicle to run into the back of it. Another fight between the Brays and Bryan Moreland took place following the collision. KSP responded to a report of the incident at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Bryan Moreland was transported to the Jackson Purchase Medical Center, where he was treated for multiple injuries. According to KSP, charges are pending against Bryan and Karen Moreland, as well as Aaron McClug, a passenger in the van.

None of those three had been arrested as of late Wednesday.

Farm bill killed for 2001

By PHILIP BRASHER AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has given up trying to agree on an overhaul of farm programs before Christmas, which pushes the issue into an election year in which control of the chamber is at stake.

In a victory for the Bush administration, majority Democrats were unable Wednesday, for the third time in a week, to muster the 60 votes necessary to bring a farm bill to a final vote. President Bush opposed

the bill, which would boost spending by nearly 80 percent over the next decade.

"We must work together to complete a farm bill that is fair, responsible and helps a broader range of farmers and ranchers," said Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

Democrats said the deadlock puts at risk \$170 billion set aside for farm programs in this year's congressional agreement. Republicans rejected the warning and said Democrats

were trying to ram through a partisan bill to win political points with farm groups.

"I'm disappointed that the Senate has chosen to go down such a partisan path," said Bruce Knight, a lobbyist for the National Corn Growers Association. "This is a lot more about control of the Senate than the best way to provide a farm bill."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said he would try to pass the Democratic bill again when lawmakers return in late January from their holiday recess.

Several farm-state senators are up for re-election in 2002, including the Agriculture Committee chairman, Tom Harkin, D-Iowa; Arkansas Republican Tim Hutchinson; Democrat Tim Johnson of South Dakota; and Minnesota Democrat Paul Wellstone.

Republicans contend there remains plenty of time and money available to write a farm bill next year. Existing programs expire in the fall.

The Democratic bill raises crop subsidies so high that it would encourage excess production and drive down commodity prices, in the view of the Bush administration.

Hoptown lands auto parts plant

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A company that makes plastic and rubber parts for Toyota and other automakers has picked Hopkinsville for its second Kentucky plant, officials said Wednesday.

TG North America Corp., an arm of Toyoda Gosei Ltd., will produce weather stripping and other automo-

tive seals at the Hopkinsville plant, according to a statement from the Cabinet for Economic Development.

The project represents a potential 152 jobs and an initial investment of \$9 million, the statement said. TG North America also has 400 workers at a plant in Marion County.

Last victim in Pa. crash ID'd

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — Officials have positively identified everyone who died when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in rural Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, other than the four hijackers. The remains were so damaged investigators can't say for certain whether anyone was killed before the plane crashed.

The flight from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco made an abrupt turn near Cleveland and veered back across Pennsylvania before crashing into a field.

Holidays in full swing for some local schools

The holidays really haven't come into place until the schools close for winter break. For area schools, that time is approaching as has already begun.

Eastwood Christian Academy finished classes on Dec. 14 and will resume classes on Jan. 2, 2002.

Calloway County Schools celebrated their last classes of the year on Dec. 18 and will return Jan. 3, 2002.

Murray Schools still have to finish the week before winter break begins. Classes are dismissed Friday afternoon and won't resume until Jan. 7, 2002.

• MSU ...

From Front

"exploring new technologies, developing intellectual capital and disseminating telecommunications applications."

"I was glad to request and help secure these funds for Murray State," he said. "I know the University will put these funds to great use by helping to improve teaching methods and student learning in western Kentucky."

The legislation was expected to move to the White House for approval from President Bush.

• Signs ...

From Front

ness's window, it is added into the total amount of sign square footage that the business is allowed. The insides of windows, however, have been traditionally treated as interior walls, meaning that if a sign is placed on the inside of a window, it does not factor into the business's total square footage amount for signs.

"We don't have a written policy for window signs," Sergeant said. "It's very difficult for us to enforce."

Board chair Bill Whitaker said the addition of a window sign ordinance is long overdue.

"Even if it's on the inside of a window, I don't like it," he said. "We talk about trying to get the size of these signs down, and then you drive by the next day and there's six signs in the window."

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RIOTING ... Police officers fire rubber bullets and tear gas at demonstrators today at Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires. President Fernando De la Rúa declared a state of siege Wednesday, seizing special powers to deal with widespread rioting and looting sparked by a deepening economic crisis. At least six people were killed and 100 injured in a day of violence.

WALTER ASTRADA/AP Photo

Political crisis grows in Argentina; minister resigns

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Riot police dragged demonstrators away from outside President Fernando De la Rúa's office in a second day of protests that threatened his government. The economic minister resigned and a judge forbade him from leaving the country.

Major political leaders were reportedly meeting behind-the-scenes in an effort to repair De la Rúa's fraying coalition government and halt the mushrooming political crisis, as hundreds gathered outside the Government House.

Protests and looting that began with a strike last week have escalated in the last two days, leaving nine people dead and the country on the brink of economic collapse. De la Rúa declared a state of siege Wednesday, but protests already appeared to be growing again in Buenos Aires by this (Thursday) morning.

More than 200 demonstrators, some beating calfskin drums and waving the Argentine flag, chanted anti-government slogans outside the Government House, where the president has his offices. Riot police then swept across the adjoining square, hauling at least seven of the protesters into vans.

The peaceful but noisy protests continued to grow in the capital as Argentines defiantly gathered on street corners and motorists honked horns in repudiation of De la Rúa's austerity plans.

Banks and business reopened Thursday and people were going back to work, but many small shops remained shuttered for fear of further unrest.

Domingo Cavallo, the economic minister widely blamed for failing to halt the nation's slide into economic ruin, tendered his resignation earlier Thursday. The state news agency TELAM said De la Rúa had accepted it.

Separately, a federal judge issued an order prohibiting Cavallo from leaving the country. The judge, Julio Speroni, is investigating an arms trafficking scandal from the 1990s when Cavallo served in the government of then-president Carlos Menem. The judge did not explain the reasons for the order.

"We're fed up with corruption, hunger and the poverty we're living in," said Ana Arce, a 75-year-old doctor, outside Government House late Wednesday. "I think that if they don't go, the people will kick them out."

Unemployment has topped 18 percent in South America's second-largest economy. Mired in a four-year recession, the nation is near default on its staggering \$132 billion public debt.

On Wednesday, thousands of Argentines looted stores and supermarkets in poor neighborhoods, saying they were going hungry. Riot police responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. The violence left nine dead and at least 109 injured. Police made 328 arrests.

Walker Lindh funded by bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lying in a hospital bed, cringing from the pain of a gunshot wound, American Taliban John Walker Lindh said he had served with a group of Arab fighters financed by Osama bin Laden.

He also said he had attended a training camp run by bin Laden, the wealthy Saudi-born fugitive accused of masterminding the September attacks on the United States.

Lindh told his story in an interview done Dec. 2 by a CNN reporter, just after Lindh was captured. It was aired in its entirety for the first time Wednesday.

Lindh, from San Anselmo, Calif., said leaders of the Afghanistan's

once-dominant Taliban militia organized fighters in branches based on ethnic groups. At first, Lindh stayed with Taliban fighters from Pakistan, where he had been studying Islam. He then was put with the group of Arab fighters — the Ansar — who were paid for by bin Laden. Lindh can speak Arabic.

"Originally I came with Pakistanis," Lindh said. "They sent me to the Arabs."

What Lindh did while traveling with Taliban fighters in Afghanistan could play a key role in the charges he might face in the United States.

In the TV interview, Lindh, 20, defended the Taliban, who took

power in Afghanistan in 1995 after a bloody civil war against other factions. Lindh said the Quran, Islam's holy book, permits Muslims to kill other Muslims during holy war.

"That is a question that is addressed in the Quran itself," Lindh told CNN. "In certain cases Muslims by necessity can kill, and ... there are situations in which a Muslim can be killed (by other Muslims)."

Referring to jihad, Islamic holy war, he said, "It's exactly what I thought it would be."

Asked if the Taliban's cause was the right one, Walker said: "Definitely!"

Alleged terrorist ties to cost USF professor's job

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The University of South Florida is moving to fire a tenured Palestinian-born professor at the center of a furor over his alleged terrorist links.

University president Judy Genshaft sent a termination letter Wednesday to Sami Al-Arian, a computer science professor who has been on paid leave since September because the university feared for his safety after he received numerous death threats.

Al-Arian, 43, a community activist who also runs an Islamic school and community center, would not comment on the school's decision. He has denied he supports terrorism. The professor, who is paid more than \$67,000 a year, has the right to have an independent arbitrator review his dismissal. He has 10 days to respond to the letter.

Al-Arian, who has never been detained or charged with a crime, founded the World and Islam Studies Enterprises, a now-defunct think tank that was headquartered at the university until the FBI raided it in 1995 and froze its assets.

The FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service alleged that the think tank and a related Palestinian charity were a fund-raising front for terrorists. The charity held conferences that drew people later identified as terrorists.



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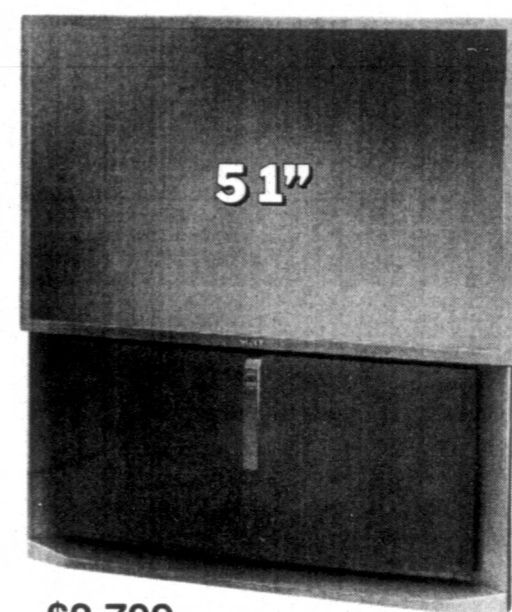
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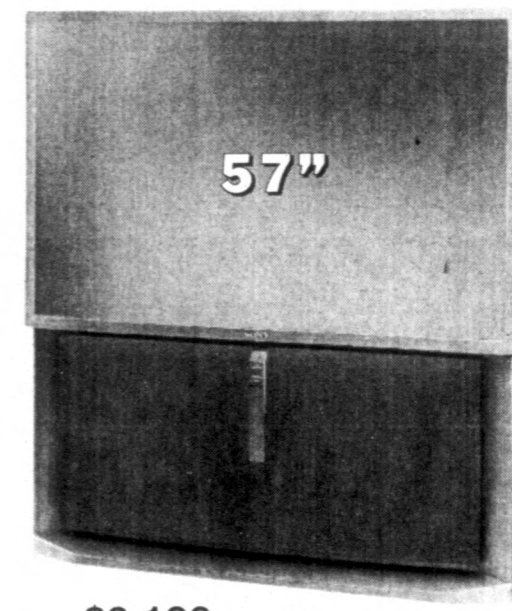
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By GEORGE GEDDA
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Political change sought in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Najib al-Salhi is not prone to ambiguities when he talks about Saddam Hussein. "Saddam is crazy," the former Iraqi Army general said the other day as he discussed his 23-year quest to depose the Iraqi president.

For 17 of those years he did so clandestinely, from within the military inside Iraq. For the past five years he has operated from the outside, first in Jordan, now in a Virginia suburb of Washington.

During the interview, al-Salhi spoke matter-of-factly about mass graves outside Baghdad where he said remains of Saddam's suspected opponents lie. He also recalled the poison gas used against an Iraqi Kurdish village in 1988; the tanks that he said were sent in to crush remains of those killed as anti-Saddam uprisings were suppressed.

Beyond that, he said, Saddam terrorizes military officers into obedience by having agents kidnap and rape relatives, then sending videotapes of the attacks back to the officers. Torture of officers' fathers and mothers is not unusual, he says.

Al-Salhi, 49, has no doubt his own family in Iraq has been subjected to such treatment.

"I try not to think about it," he said, speaking through an interpreter. "I don't want to create obstacles to my work. We have to make sacrifices to get to our goals."

Al-Salhi, who held the rank of staff general before deserting and who boasts a string of degrees, is founder and general secretary of the Movement of Free Officers, which he said maintains clandestine contacts with dissident officers inside Iraq.

The goal is to bring political change in Iraq and explore possibilities for a coup d'etat. The group also publishes articles in anti-Saddam journals outside Iraq and keeps in touch with a range of Iraqi dissident groups.

A book al-Salhi wrote about Saddam's repression of Shites in southern Iraq was translated to English by the State Department. He contended the death toll from that campaign is in the 250,000 range.

To the delight of al-Salhi and his

allies, the constituency in the United States for taking action against Iraq appears to be stronger now than at any time since the end of the Gulf War more than 10 years ago.

It has been stimulated in large measure by the success of U.S. forces in blasting the Taliban regime in Afghanistan out of power.

Referring to Iraq, President Bush said recently that countries that develop weapons of mass destruction intended for terrorist purposes "will be held accountable."

A bipartisan group of leading members of Congress urged Bush two weeks ago to take decisive action against Iraq because the threat from that country "cannot be permanently contained."

Skeptics warn that the Afghanistan model cannot be duplicated easily in Iraq. They point out that there is no equivalent in Iraq to Afghanistan's northern alliance, a vital element in the defeat of the Taliban.

The Iraqi military also is much larger and better equipped than the Taliban militia. Beyond that, if the United States takes on Iraq, it would not have nearly the international support it has enjoyed in the Afghan campaign.

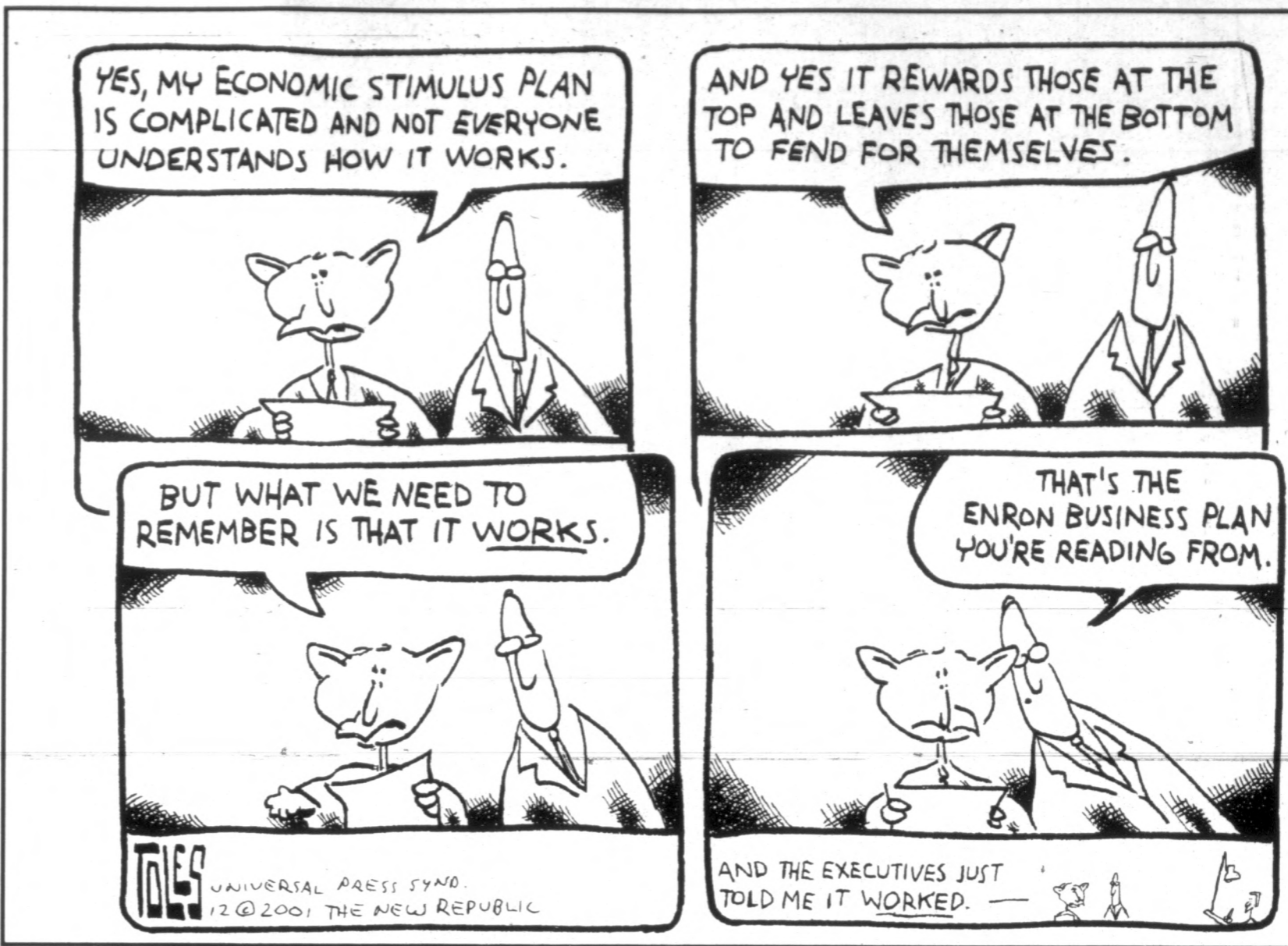
Retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, former commander of the U.S. Central Command and now a Middle East envoy, is another skeptic. He wrote shortly before his retirement last year that the \$97 million in military support that Congress has appropriated for use by Iraqi rebels won't get the job done.

"What will we have?" he asked. "A Bay of Goats, most likely."

Al-Salhi said the naysayers fail to consider the vulnerability of the Iraqi regime after decades of unabated repression.

"My work is to convince U.S. officials we have to get this job done," he said. "The Iraqi people are waiting for U.S. efforts to get rid of Saddam."

EDITOR'S NOTE — George Gedda has covered foreign affairs for The Associated Press since 1968.



Agree Or Not

By TODD DUVAL
Syndicated Columnist

Rumblin', bumblin', stumblin'

FRANKFORT, Ky. — At first glance, it would seem that Lt. Gov. Steve Henry stumbled badly in a recent interview in which he suggested Kentucky have a series of riverboat gambling casinos on the Kentucky shore of the Ohio River to compete for gambling and tourist dollars being spent in riverboat casinos on the Indiana and Illinois shores.

Almost immediately, the state's racing industry went on the defensive against even more competition for gambling dollars the state's tracks are losing to the existing casinos.

And Gov. Paul Patton's office just as quickly worked to distance the governor from any suggestion of riverboat casinos on Kentucky's Ohio River shore.

"The governor has never had a discussion with the lieutenant governor on this issue," Patton's press secretary, Rusty Chevront, said.

What could Henry, who rarely takes a stand on anything of substance and is at least nominally a top Patton administration official, have been thinking?

He probably was thinking ahead to the race for the Democratic Party nomination for governor he will be in come 2003.

Henry said he has been hearing a lot from officials in Ohio River communities who have lobbied him and Patton for some way to combat the loss of all those tourist dollars being spent within sight of their courthouses and city halls at the

string of riverboat casinos across the river from them.

Currently, there are at least seven land-based casinos and six riverboat casinos within driving distance of Kentucky's major population centers. Those casinos are raking in billions of dollars a year, and big chunks of that money are going into state and local treasuries where they are located. And a goodly amount of all that money originates in the purses and wallets of Kentuckians who go there to gamble.

So Henry, in his first significant foray into hard issues as a probable gubernatorial candidate, has done nothing more than come out on the side of beleaguered officials along the long northern border of the state. Those officials, especially Democrats, will be looking for a candidate to support for governor.

Henry also made it plain that he is not in favor of widespread legal gambling in the state itself, but since there already is gambling on the Ohio, "Let's compete for it" in the form of duplicating what is already there.

That may not satisfy the hard-shell opponents of gambling on religious grounds, but those same opponents weren't able to defeat a constitutional amendment permitting a state lottery. A combination of pro-gamblers with those who really could care less one way or another represents a large bloc of potential voters.

But why alienate the powerful and wealthy

racing industry — and, in all probability, the thoroughbred breeding industry as well? They're pushing for video slot machines at the race tracks, a hard sell at best.

Rogers Beasley, director of racing at Keeneland, remarked about Henry's riverboat casino idea: "I'd like to think the lieutenant governor would keep in mind the 80,000 jobs in the horse industry in the state of Kentucky when he makes statements like that."

Yes, but Henry is bound to know that the racing and breeding industries will naturally gravitate and give money to one of their own — former Gov. Brereton Jones, breeder and racer of thoroughbreds, who is making strong moves toward seeking a second term in office.

And Henry did throw the racing folks a bone in the form of a suggestion that part of the state's take from riverboat casinos would be used to help the racing industry through larger purses at the tracks.

Finally, Henry has to distance himself from Patton at some point simply to prove that, as governor, he would not be an extension of the Patton administration.

There will be a lot of other issues involved in the 2003 gubernatorial election than riverboat gambling casinos. But if he pulls it off, Henry would not be the first to run for governor on a supposedly hopeless gambling issue — and win.

Congressional Update

By REP. ED WHITFIELD
R-Kentucky

Protecting our economic security, too



The tragic events of Sept. 11 shook our nation to its core. The attacks that day had a profound impact on every part of our lives.

President Bush responded quickly and has provided the leadership the nation needs as we face our most difficult test to date.

Since the attacks, Congress has provided funds to help rebuild New York and the Pentagon. In addition, Congress has helped strengthen the military, provide assistance to the airlines and pass airline security legislation to make flying safer.

However, while our troops fight to protect our national security, I believe Congress must pass legislation to protect our economic security as well.

With my support, the House passed the Economic Security and Recovery Act of 2001 in October. This bill would give the average family of four \$940 more a year in take-home pay. That extra money will help families pay college tuition, pay down credit card debt or put some money aside for a rainy day.

The bill would also help unemployed workers by giving \$9 billion in block grants to the states to address the needs of their unemployed workers. Furthermore, the bill would direct \$3 billion in block grants to states for health coverage of their unemployed workers.

The legislation would also increase the deduction of capital losses of individuals from \$3,000 to \$5,000; repeal the capital gains holding period; lower the 28 percent tax bracket to 25 percent in 2002; and lower the capital gains tax from 20 percent to 18 percent.

It gives businesses incentives to invest in new equipment so they can increase productivity and hire new workers. These incentives are what the First District needs to help stop factories and businesses from closing and moving overseas.

In addition, I have worked to include in the final agreement more health care coverage and other benefits for unemployed workers. I believe we must not only stimulate the economy, but also provide for the workers that have recently been laid off.

These benefits will allow unemployed workers to pay bills and feed their families while they search for new jobs. Furthermore, unemployed workers will be able to receive training to enter a new field such as health care, where there is actually a shortage of workers.

The First District has been especially hard hit by the economic slow-down. A number of plants and businesses have

recently closed, leaving many people unemployed during the holiday season. With my support, a bill recently passed the House that will provide direct benefits to unemployed workers for two full years.

But the Senate has not acted on economic security because the Democratic leadership feels it is not a "front-burner issue." I believe protecting our economy and preventing further job loss is a front-burner issue and would like to see the Senate pass this legislation so that President Bush can sign it into law and give our economy the boost that it needs.

In recent days, President Bush has become personally involved in the negotiations to finalize a stimulus package. The President's initiative and proven track record of bringing competing interests together has given me hope that the American people will see an economic secu-

rity package enacted by the end of the year.

The need for this legislation has been highlighted by the recent announcement that our economy is officially in a recession. Tax cuts and other incentives have proven to be a reliable way to stimulate a lagging economy and our country needs stimulus now more than ever.

That is why I plan to speak with business leaders from across the First District about the current economic situation this week. I am confident these community leaders will support the legislation the House has passed to strengthen the economy.

These businessmen employ countless people in our area. It is important that we help them keep their current employees and hire more.

We all know that the terrorists want to weaken our country and our economy. But we can not and will not let that happen.

Thank you and God bless America.

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Deaths

Mrs. Novie Starks

Mrs. Novie Starks, 92, Starks Cemetery Road, Hardin, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at Britthaven Healthcare, Benton.

A homemaker, she was a member of Union Hill Church of Christ.

Her husband, Hoy Starks, one son, Billy Wayne Starks, two great-grandchildren, three sisters and one brother all preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Judith Slaughter, Hardin; two granddaughters, Mrs. Lorie Byrd, Almo, and Ms. Jennifer Slaughter, Hardin; two grandsons, Jonathan Slaughter, Hardin, and Billy Wayne Starks Jr., Benton; five great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. David Hendrickson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Dorothea Velma Thill

Mrs. Dorothea Velma Thill, 95, Rice Humphrey Road, Puryear, Tenn., died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. at her home.

A housewife, she was a member of St. Leo Catholic Church, Murray, Fellowship, Bridge and Newcomers Club at Paris, Tenn.

Her husband, Paul N. Thill, two sons, Bernard J. Thill and Donald Thill, two sisters and three brothers all preceded her in death. Born July 15, 1906, she was the daughter of the late Van Gadd and Velma Duddleson Gadd.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mary Cates and husband, Byron, and Mrs. Roberta Meyer, all of Puryear, and Mrs. Patricia Malloy, West Milton, Ohio; three sons, James Thill and wife, Marilyn, and Michael Thill and wife, Carol, all of Dayton, Ohio, and Charles Thill and wife, Ruth, Puryear; 26 grandchildren.

The funeral mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Leo Catholic Church. Fr. Ray Goetz will officiate. Burial will follow in Puryear City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Imes-Miller Funeral Home after 3 p.m. Friday. Prayers will be said at the funeral home Friday at 7 p.m.

I.B. Allbritten

I.B. Allbritten, 82, Oshkosh, Wis., formerly of Cairo, Ill., and native of New Concord, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, at 6:05 p.m. at Parkview Health Center, Paducah.

He was the sales manager for Calvin Watson Cadillac, Buick and Pontiac Inc. of Cairo before his retirement. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member and past exalted ruler of Cairo Elks Lodge No. 651.

His wife, Mary Helen Allbritten, one sister and three brothers all preceded him in death. Born in New Concord in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Bluford Allbritten and Nola Marr Allbritten.

Survivors include one son, Kevin Allbritten, and two grandchildren, Bradley Allbritten and Laura Allbritten, all of Duluth, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Robbie Bucy, Murray; one brother, Max Allbritten, Warren, Mich.

The funeral mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Cairo, Ill., where he was a member. The Rev. Jerome Fortenberry will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Villa Ridge, Ill.

Visitation will be at Barkett Funeral Home, Cairo, Ill., from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Also Elks rites will be at 7 p.m. and Holy Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m., both Friday at the funeral home.

Timothy Maples Jr.

Timothy Maples Jr., 26, Benton, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at his home.

Collier Funeral Home of Benton is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Virginia Clark Vaughan

The funeral for Mrs. Virginia (Miss Jenny) Clark Vaughan will be today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Murphy Funeral Home, Martin, Tenn. Dr. Ed Crump, the Rev. Paul McAdoo, and the Rev. Jerry Liggitt will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Andy and Tim Vaughan, Bob Carpenter, Glen Oldham, Warner Pace, David Bell and Nick Dunagan. Honorary pallbearers will be Elmore Price, Sam Carpenter, Houston Patrick, Bill Teuton, Richard Saunders and Ned R. McWherter, along with the staff of both Paul Meek Library and Obion County Library. Burial will follow in East Side Cemetery, Martin.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Special Collections, Tennessee Room of the Paul Meek Library, Martin, TN 38237.

Mrs. Vaughan, 81, Martin, Tenn., died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital, Jackson, Tenn.

Her husband, James Wilbur (Mr. Wipps) Vaughan, died in 1996, and one grandson, David Vaughan of Murray, died from injuries in a bicyclist accident in 1990. Born Jan. 7, 1928, in Humboldt, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Rev. Roger Lamar Clark and Mabel Thomas Clark.

Survivors include one son, Jim Vaughan, Murray; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Vaughan Carpenter, Union City, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Andy Vaughan, Tim Vaughan, Libby Carpenter and Molly Carpenter.

Cathedral officials wait for final word

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators and church workers sifted through the ashes Wednesday at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine after a fire destroyed a gift shop, damaged two rare tapestries and disrupted holiday festivities.

The blaze at one of the world's largest churches broke out Tuesday in the gift shop. Investigators point-

ed to faulty electrical wiring as a possible cause.

Officials were awaiting word from fire and environmental officials about whether reopening the church for Christmas services was possible. Each of two Masses on Christmas Day typically attracts up to 5,000 people. Two other events were already relocated because of the blaze.

"We're trying to get back in the cathedral," church spokesman Jere Farrah said. "That is still our No. 1 option."

None of the church's more than 150 stained glass windows were damaged. Two Barberini tapestries — "The Last Supper" and "The Resurrection," among a set of 12 depicting the life of Christ — were partly destroyed.

The remnants of the 17th-century tapestries will be cleaned, restored and put back on display, said Marlene Eidelhut, director of textile conservation at the church.

The first stone of the historic gothic cathedral a few blocks from Columbia University was laid in 1892. The Encyclopedia of New York City describes it as the nation's largest cathedral.

Preliminary hearing set for Webster County dog warden

CLAY, Ky. (AP) — A preliminary hearing has been set for a Webster County dog warden charged with six counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

The hearing for John E. Nall, of Clay, was set for Dec. 27 in Webster County District Court. It will determine whether Nall's case will be sent to the grand jury.

Nall was charged Nov. 26 after allegedly shooting a dog that was standing in front of a Clay residence

occupied by her owners and their two children.

The charges also stem from the fact that two people were standing less than 300 feet away from where Nall was allegedly discharging the weapon, police said.

According to state police, Nall had received a call about a Rottweiler growling and chasing children. Nall responded to the area and saw a Rottweiler, whose name was Maddy.

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Manufacturers recall cookie dough, peanut butter, bratwurst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Manufacturers announced separately that they are recalling three food products Wednesday. The recalls affect specific brands of frozen cookie dough, organic peanut butter and bratwurst.

Sara Lee Bakery Group of St. Louis is recalling April Hill Holiday Theme Cookie Cutouts, a frozen cookie dough, because eggs are not listed as an ingredient on the package.

Consumption of eggs by people with severe allergies or sensitivity to eggs could cause serious or life-threatening reactions.

The recalled product is sold in 5.99-pound cartons in GFS Marketplace Stores in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio, and to Gordon Food Service restaurant and food service customers in those states, as well as Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The cookie dough is packaged as 22 prefrozen frozen sugar cookies in the shapes of bells, trees and stars. Consumers may return the

cookie dough for a full refund. They may also call (800) 449-4284 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST for more information.

Once Again Nut Butter of Nunda, N.Y., is recalling about 400 cases of Whole Foods Brand Organic Crunchy Peanut Butter due to mislabeling. The 16 oz. jars contain almond butter instead of peanut butter. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to almonds run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume the product, distributed by Whole Foods Markets and sold at: Whole Foods Markets, Fresh Fields, Wellspring, Harry's and Bread & Circus Stores.

The product can be identified by a 16 oz. glass jar with a gold metal cap that has a "use by" date of 10/29/02 or 10/30/02. The label has a bar code UPC 099482 16002 9.

Consumers may return the product to stores for a full refund or replacement. Consumers may also call (888) 800-8075 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST for more information.

Alewell's Country Meats of Warrensburg, Mo., said it is recalling approximately 115 pounds of bratwurst that may be contaminated with listeria, which sickens an estimated 2,500 Americans a year and kills 500 of them.

It is most often found in soft cheese, unpasteurized milk products, undercooked meat, poultry or seafood or ready-to-eat products like deli meats and hot dogs.

The packages, distributed at Alewell's retail store in Warrensburg, Mo., were labeled "GRANDPA A'S COUNTRY MEATS ORIGINAL BRATWURST WITH CHEESE." The packages bear the date code "DEC 10" and an establishment code "EST. 5766" inside the USDA seal of inspection.

Consumers may return them to Alewell or call (660) 747-8261. They may also call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at (800) 535-4555 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

MCCH foundation supports school nurse program

Special to the Ledger

Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Community Healthcare Foundation has funded the initial gift of \$80,000 for the first year's funding for supplies and a school nurse in the two local school systems. The idea is to give the students instruction on healthy lifestyles and provide them important in-the-school medical care.

Students who are consistently healthy have higher attendance and, thus have a better chance at learning because they are in school.

"The CHF has planted the seed to get this program started when we committed initial funding to our school systems for this worthwhile project," explained CHF Executive Director Kathie Pierce. "The benefits to the children in our community will be tremendous. We extend a sincere thank-you to everyone who gave individually or through a corporate sponsorship to help make this a reality."

The CHF's goal for the school nurse programs is: each local school system receives the \$40,000 grant

the first year; then \$10,000 less would be provided each year as the school districts build their own school nurse program budgets.

Presently, with the hiring of these two nurses, our school systems maintain an approximate 1,600 students to one medical professional ratio. The national recommended ratio is 750 to one.

In the Murray School System, Pam Oakley, R.N., is the system's first full-time health professional since the 1970s. She has established a school health committee, and the group is reviewing the school systems medical policies and procedures. Oakley spends Mondays at Murray Elementary, Wednesdays at Murray Middle and Fridays at Murray High School. She further rotates her schedule so that she spends five days per three weeks at each of the three schools.

Earlier this month, Oakley utilized the talents of a few Murray High microbiology students to show young students at Murray Elementary the importance of proper hand washing. They went from

classroom to classroom with a blacklight box and special "germ glow" lotion. After each student washed his/her hands, they held their hands under the blacklight and were amazed to see the patches of purple that indicated their handwashing was not adequate to wash away the germs that could promote illnesses.

The CHF school nurse project has helped supplement the efforts of Calloway County Schools' current school nurse, Vicki Williams. Tina Ryan, R.N., has joined Williams to assist with nursing duties. While handling out needed daily medications and taking temperatures are common duties, the in-school health nurses will provide many other benefits.

"We will also give instruction on hygiene, perform health screenings on students, help with vaccinations, train staff for emergencies, teach healthy lifestyles, check for classroom health problems such as lice outbreaks, and provide sex education instruction with emphasis on abstinence and the avoidance of

alcohol and tobacco," says Tina Ryan. "The two school systems run very similar programs at different times of the year."

The three nurses are working closely to assure that our children in our community are receiving the very best medical attention while in school. Pierce added, "It's a great opportunity for the two school systems to work together for a common effort to improve the health of our youth. The Community Healthcare Foundation is very pleased to serve as a catalyst."

The school nurse program is not the only point of focus for the Community Healthcare Foundation. Its vision is to support programs and projects that enhance the health of area senior adults and children, as well as help provide needed medical services for financially strapped residents in our area.

The CHF is a not-for-profit, public foundation affiliated with MCCH. For more information on how you can contribute to the school nurse program, contact the CHF at (270) 762-1384.



SAY AHH ... Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Community Healthcare Foundation (CHF) has committed \$200,000 over four years to fund two new school nurses — one in each local school system. Pictured from left are CHF Executive Director Kathie Pierce; Tina Ryan, new R.N., Calloway Co. Schools; Vicki Williams, R.N., Calloway Co. Schools; Pam Oakley, new R.N., Murray City Schools; and Ken Winters, Chair of the CHF Development Council.

Housewares boom this holiday season

NEW YORK (AP) — Products related to the heart and home — from lockets and pajamas to DVD players and kitchen appliances — are selling well amid what is otherwise expected to be the weakest holiday season in a decade.

Although huge amounts of marked-down goods are languishing on shelves, certain items have had appeal among people who are re-evaluating priorities and spending more time at home in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"I am trying to spend more time with my family," David Conti, 41, of Boxford, Mass., who has cut back on holiday spending by \$300 to \$700 but is buying DVDs for his children and regional Italian cookbooks and kitchen appliances for himself because he is cooking more and dining out less.

Wal-Mart has seen sales of pajamas and chicken roasters double from a year ago. Game consoles and other home electronics are doing well, along with arts and crafts, said spokesman Tom Williams.

Amazon.com expects to sell 100,000 DVD players, more than double last year's total. And its sales of George Foreman and Weber grills are expected to triple to 45,000.

Sales of fitness and game equipment are up triple-digits at Sears.com from a year ago, said Chuck Cebuhar, vice president. Sales of housewares have more than doubled.

The terrorist attacks and the recession have led many shoppers to pull back on their spending, particularly on clothes and jewelry.

Even in the jewelry business, though, there have been some bright spots. Jewelry e-tailer Bluemile.com said lockets, priced from \$50 to \$425, are among its top sellers. Diamond sales, including engagement rings, are up 25 percent.

"Consumers are looking for something sentimental, things that make you feel good," said Sue Bell, Bluemile vice president of marketing.

Santa letters take selfless tone

NORTH POLE, N.Y. (AP) — "Mommy lost her job after Sept. 11, 2001," 6-year-old Paris wrote to Santa Claus. "Daddy works two jobs now. Please help."

In another note, another tall order: "My daddy just died and I am so sad," wrote a girl named Lorie. "Could you please help us this year and make us happy again? I don't want any presents."

One girl, identified only as "Jenny," wrote: "I'm glad that I'm American and have a warm place to live. ... My wish this year is for all children to have peace and all the presents that they want."

The letters reflect children's "overwhelming need" to feel safe and secure in an uncertain post-Sept. 11 world, said Albany-area social worker Vibeeta Sanders.

Organizations across the country that accept letters to Santa are seeing the effect of the Sept. 11 attacks on the Christmas wishes of America's children. Requests are pouring in for intangible gifts like safety, world peace and happiness, and some writers don't ask Santa to leave anything at all under the Christmas tree.

Lorie, who was only identified by that name, was also among the children who sent e-mails to Santa Claus Online. Paris, who also didn't give a last name, wrote a letter to the Santa's Workshop — one of more than 1,000 received.

This Christmas, children's requests are taking "a more serious tone," said Wood, who has played Santa at schools and private parties for 41 years.

Andy Lambros of Santa Claus Online, a Southern California-based company that accepts e-mails to Santa, said about 70 percent of this year's letters feature selfless, intangible wishes.

"Less kids are thinking 'Me Me Me,' while the majority of children are thinking of the world as a whole," said Lambros, whose company receives thousands of Santa e-mail messages daily.

Lynn Gaffney, a secretary at the theme park, said more of the letters than usual include a return address, perhaps because of awareness of anthrax scares.

Gaffney said fire trucks and rescue figures are popular items on kids' wish lists.

Lindsay Seymour doesn't want any gifts left under the tree. To her, Christmas normally means "love, joy and hope" — but this year, she writes, "it also means sadness."

"Sadness that some children don't have parents because of the World Trade Center (terrorist attacks)," explained her mother, Amy Seymour.

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LBL reopens after storm damage

GOLDEN POND, Ky. — Due to heavy rainfall last week, some facilities, including Turkey Bay OHV Area, Wranglers Campground, the Elk & Bison Prairie and the Canal Loop Trails, are now re-opened. Repair of the weather-related damage to the trails is currently underway. Future major weather events can result in temporary closures of facilities.

Manufacturers recall holiday products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several retailers and manufacturers are recalling four Christmas products, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said today. The recalls affect specific brands of porcelain lanterns, Christmas lights and candles.

LTD Commodities Inc. of Bannockburn, Ill., is recalling about 33,000 Snowman Holiday Porcelain Lanterns, which can crack or catch fire from the tealight candles put inside to illuminate them. LTD said it had received 18 reports of lanterns cracking or catching on fire, including one incident in which a consumer burned her finger.

Consumers should stop using the lanterns immediately and call (866) 736-3654 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST Monday through Friday.

Flora-Lite Co. of Clearwater, Fla., is recalling about 7,500 strings of "Rice Lights" Christmas lights because the wires can be easily pulled out of plugs and light sockets. The lights could pose fire and electric shock hazards.

Dillard's Inc. of Little Rock, Ark., is recalling about 12,000 Pine Tree Candles. The 8- and 9 1/2-inch candles can collapse, causing the flame to spread and ignite decorative glitter and paint.

Walgreen Co. of Deerfield, Ill., is recalling 50,500 Candeled glitter candles because the glitter on the candles can ignite.

They were sold in 3-inch and 6-inch sizes in green, red and gold. Walgreens stores nationwide have sold them since August, for \$3 to \$4.

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Community

Thursday, December 20, 2001



GIFT WRAPPING...Fred and Linda Stalls, seated, are preparing to wrap gifts for Heather Miller, standing. This is a special service of the Calloway County Band Boosters who will be wrapping gifts for a low nominal fee at Goody's Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.



FOUR GENERATIONS...Dwight Lipford holds his grandson, Isaac James Lipford. Seated left is James Lipford, father of Dwight, and great-grandfather of Isaac. In the back is Tony Lipford, son of Dwight, father of Isaac, and grandson of James.

Jo's Datebook

By JO BURKEEN
Community Editor



As we are preparing for celebrations, whether a party, dinner, or just friends visiting, it is always good to hear about new recipes for items to serve at these occasions.

Again, I am copying from the newsletter of Jane H. Steely, Calloway County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, to share the following recipe:

Hot Cranberry Spice

2 qt. cranberry juice or 1 qt. cranberry juice plus 1 qt. apple cider

1 tsp. whole allspice

2 cinnamon sticks

In a large saucepan, mix all ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for half an hour or longer. Serve hot! Yield: 16 1/2-cup servings.

Band Boosters offering service

Calloway County Band Boosters are providing a service for the community. This service is gift-wrapping. "We are providing this service for a very low nominal fee and we would greatly appreciate the chance to save you and your family some time," a booster member said. The boosters will have people at Goody's from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 22, and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

Angel Alert issued

An Angel Alert has been issued by the Calloway County Family Resource Center for a couch, chair, full sized bed, dresser and kitchen table for a family. Anyone having any of these items to donate are asked to call the center 763-7333. Monetary donations are still being taken to help with expenses for the Santa project. These tax deductible donations may be mailed to Calloway County Family Resource Center, 1169 Pottertown Rd., Murray, KY 42071.

Hazel club will meet tonight

Hazel Woman's Club will meet tonight (Thursday), Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Boulders Cafe, 1510 Chestnut St., Murray, for the annual Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts.

Red Cross will offer classes

Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR and First aid Training on Jan. 14 and 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. For those who have a current CPR certification and want to renew it, a class will be held Jan. 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. Pre-registration is at the Red Cross office, located at 1003 Poplar St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 753-1421.

Need Line schedule given

Need Line has already distributed 250 baskets of food for families for the Christmas holidays and will continue service this week. The Need Line office at 804 Story Ave., by Grace Baptist Church, will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, for the observance of the Christmas holidays. Need Line hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Community shower planned

A community shower for Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Edwards and their three children will be Saturday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m. at the Dexter Community Center. The family lost their home and contents in the tornado that occurred recently in the Harris Grove community of Calloway County. For information call Louise Haley at 437-4371.

Library hours are noted

Calloway County Public Library will close Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25. For the New Year's holiday observance, the library will be closed Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002. No Story hours will be conducted during these two holiday weeks.

Entertainment dates changed

Glory Bound Christian Entertainment will have its next session Thursday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Green Horse Restaurant. This is an outreach ministry, sponsored by Goshen United Methodist Church. The sessions on Dec. 20 and 27 and Jan. 3 will not be held because of the holidays and illnesses in families. This is a special program for the public.

Advent study on Friday

An Advent Bible Study will be Friday, Dec. 21, at noon in the basement of First Christian Church. The Rev. Bill Horner, church pastor, will lead the lunchtime Bible study during Advent. Each one should bring a sack lunch.

Alaskan veterans' reunion planned

Alutian Islands, Tennessee/Kentucky military veterans will reunite in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20, 2002. All service branches, World War II and later, are welcome. For information and registration send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Al King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313, by Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002.

Sports camps planned

Joetta Kelly, minister of preschool/children, at First Baptist Church, has announced sports camps to be held in the gym of First United Methodist Church. They are baseball on Saturday, Dec. 22, from noon to 2 p.m.; basketball on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon; soccer on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.; tennis on Wednesday, Jan. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$9 per session which includes a t-shirt. Persons are asked to sign up by today (Thursday), Dec. 20, by calling the office of First Baptist Church, 753-1854.

AA meetings scheduled

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, and 4 p.m. on Sunday at the American Legion Hall, Maple and South Sixth Streets, Murray. The only requirement for attendance is a desire to stop drinking. For information call 436-5073 or 436-5675.

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New weekend hours listed for museum

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Beginning Jan. 5, 2002, the Old State Capitol and Kentucky Military History Museum will be open only by appointment on weekends through at least June 30, 2002.

The change comes as a consequence of budget reductions for the Kentucky Historical Society, and future budget uncertainties, society officials said.

The changes will not affect the Kentucky History Center on West Broadway in Frankfort, the society's headquarters home to the permanent exhibit, "A Kentucky Journey," the Keeneland Changing Exhibits Gallery, the Hall of governors, the Dr. Thomas D. Clark Research Library and special collections.

The museums are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.

to 8 p.m. Thursday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The library is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and 1 to 5 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month.

Requests for weekend tours of the Old State Capitol or Kentucky Military History Museum should be made a week to two weeks in advance to allow for scheduling. Groups of 15 or more will be given preference. Call 1-502-564-1792 x 4461 to arrange a tour of either facility or both.

The Kentucky Historical Society is an agency of the Education, Arts & Humanities Cabinet. Its headquarters is the Kentucky History Center in downtown Frankfort.

Music Ensemble presents program

A Music Ensemble of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club presented the program at the

meeting of the Delta Department of the Murray Woman's Club on Dec. 12.

Members of the ensemble were Kathy Mowery, Gale Vinson, Mary Beth Hays, Kay Ray, Pat Miller, Martha Crafton, Margie Shown and Joanne Cavitt. Pamela Seward was the piano accompanist.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" was the theme of the program presented by the group.

Hostesses for the social hour were Karen Olson and Crystal Parks.

The department will meet Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. at the club house with Mary Carri-co RN from Murray-Calloway County Hospital to present a program on "Facts on Osteoporosis."

Serving as hostesses for January will be Joanne Cohoon, Edna McKinney and Sondra Henry.

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Academic, cultural opportunities for humanities, fine arts students

MSU News Bureau

Murray State University students who are majors in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts (HFA) have new and exciting academic and cultural opportunities.

According to Dr. Sandra Jordan, dean of MSU's college of humanities and fine arts, the recent academic reorganization brought together faculty whose collaborative efforts have resulted in new interdisciplinary programs of study.

The seven departments — art, English and philosophy, history, modern languages, music, psychology, theatre and dance, and the sociology program — are actively engaged in these new efforts.

"One of the most important tasks we undertake at colleges around the nation is preparing students to be good citizens in an increasingly complex and interlocking world," Jordan explained. "We are striving to help our students see the 'interconnectedness' of their studies, between courses, between disciplines and between the topics, skills and attitudes they develop in class and the rest of their lives."

The college is actively developing new curricula which engage the student in studies that are not limited to single disciplines or even to an individual college.

The newest major, the liberal

arts major, a course of study designed to encourage interdisciplinary studies, includes courses from three colleges.

"This major allows the student to customize their education by exploring two fields of study in depth," Jordan said.

The college is also developing an Asian studies major which will pull from a variety of disciplines, such as political science, social science, the arts, literature, religion and philosophy, and archaeology, to provide the student with a rich multi-dimensional approach to this important global subject.

The department of English and philosophy has developed a new minor in race, gender and ethnicity that also uses a cross-disciplined approach to enrich and expand the student's understanding of the complex human condition.

Dick Dougherty, chair of the art department, and Dr. Ken Wolf, chair of the history department, have praised the collaborative efforts in the college which have resulted in the development of a linked art history/world civilization course which will be offered in 2003.

Dr. Terry Strieter, professor of history, and Dr. Peggy Schrock, professor of art history, have been instrumental in devising this linked curriculum. Strieter and Schrock

have also worked with several other faculty in the college in creating a new interdisciplinary humanities course.

"There are new kinds of relationships (in the college) that are creating new opportunities through combined efforts," Dougherty said.

In order to enhance students' academic experience outside the classroom and to forge even stronger links between disciplines, the college initiated the Arts and Humanities Enrichment Series during the fall semester.

This initiative, coordinated by Dr. Warren Edminster, assistant professor of medieval literature, and Dr. Zybnek Smetana, assistant professor of art history, provides students and the local community with an opportunity to attend interdisciplinary lectures and performances that are both intellectually stimulating and entertaining. The 2001-02 topic, "The Renaissance," has received praise from MSU students.

"The events presented thus far already show signs of fostering improved intellectual collegiality between both the students and faculty of the many departments that contribute to the series, and we have even greater hopes for the future," Edminster said.

Edminster and Smetana are already planning the 2002-03 series;

the theme will be "Changing Points: 1850-1950," which Smetana says will focus on a variety of significant cultural technological, intellectual and artistic changes during that time period.

To assist students in career preparation, the college held the first Humanities and Fine Arts Career Forum in November. Each academic department has made a commitment to place greater emphasis on career planning beginning in the freshman year.

During the forum, students from all disciplines met and talked with professionals from 28 fields and also had an opportunity to hear presentations from four speakers from the liberal arts, theatre, music and playwrighting fields.

"Employers in many fields consistently stress the value of obtaining a 'broad base' on the student's educational pyramid," Jordan noted. Jordan said that while the new academic structure provides more links across the entire curriculum, MSU students have always received a strong liberal arts foundation which encompasses unique courses that are not available at larger institutions. MSU's reputation as one of the best regional uni-

versities in the nation is strengthened by the diversity of the curriculum.

"In the past, due to the way funding was allocated within American universities, higher education tended to segment education into departments and colleges," Jordan explained. "Learning, like life itself, cannot be contained within the boundaries of departments. These are artificial walls that only served to distract students from seeing the connections between ideas, disciplines and intellectual pursuits."

A major component of the mission of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts is to continue to offer intellectually challenging and interconnected courses for students.

According to Jordan, plans are underway to develop language classes for students in professional studies, a new musical theatre concentration that links studies in both of those departments, and exploring the possibilities of creating a music business curriculum.

"This year, we hope to launch a new major in digital interactive media design that links courses in design, professional writing, marketing, advertising, psychology and

computer technology together in an exciting new way to address the explosion of interest and professions in new media," she said.

"This new major will pull from courses in three separate colleges to create a curriculum that will provide students with an exceptionally rich curriculum. The college also plans to revise the religious studies major that has been inactive for several years."

Jordan said the college does not want to produce a generation of students who are specialists.

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Bank takes 'bite' out of Big Apple

NEW YORK — Members of The Murray Bank's Good Life took a bite out of the Big Apple during a 4-day tour of New York City, Dec. 4-7.

Good Life director and Murray Bank Marketing Director Patti Thomas accompanied Max and Barbara Brandon, Martha Sue Ryan, Allan Jackson, Nita White, Vicky and Tory Holton, and Jennifer Crouse on the trip, which included highlights ranging from Broadway Theatre to a visit to Ground Zero.

On the tour's final morning, the group traveled to Ground Zero — site of the fallen World Trade Center towers — to pay homage and offer silent meditation. The experience was a powerful one, according to Thomas.

"The city seems to be rebounding well," she said. "People are getting on with their lives. Everyone reported friendly treatment and feeling very comfortable and safe as they explored."

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Pictured above are members of the Murray Bank's Good Life group at one of the Big Apple's many tourist attractions.

Book for those who live around the lakes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Two new complementary books written for people who live around lakes answer all your questions on how to protect your lake or reservoir.

Whether you're trying to figure out what makes your lake stink — or what TDS means — you'll find the answer in "The Lake Pocket Book," a new science-for-the-citizen book from the Terrene Institute.

And you'll learn how to solve your lake problems in "Managing Lakes and Reservoirs," a 400-page manual for making your lake the best resource it can be.

Recognizing that "people, not science alone, determine the ultimate fate of your lake," scientists Martin Kelly of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Nancy Phillips of the University of New Hampshire collaborated with a journalist and an editor to write "The Lake Pocket Book," a fun-to-read 116-page guide to understanding and managing your lake.

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- Why people are the most important part of lake management

And, the list goes on — for nine chapters — including sources of additional information. "Managing Lakes and Reservoirs" is the third edition of the book originally published in 1998 as "The Lake and Reservoir Guidance Manual."

"Since then, and the subsequent edition two years later," observes the principal editor, Chris Holdren, "management and protection of our lakes has become far more important — as has citizens' responsibility for their own water resources."

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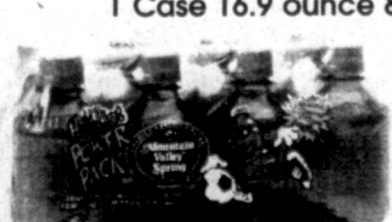
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The site, almost three miles south of the mouth of the Ohio River, was home to a settlement of the Mississippian people for approximately 250 years.

Approximately 70 years of archaeological excavations at the site have been detailed in a new book, *Excavations at Wickliffe Mounds*, by Kit Wesler. The author is the director of the Wick-

liffe Mounds research Center and a professor at Murray State University.

The book is accompanied by a CD-ROM that includes site maps, database files, plats of excavations, artifact descriptions, and photographs, all contributed by a wide range of archaeological record for this important Eastern North American site.

Excavations at Wickliffe Mounds was published by the University of Alabama Press and has a foreword by Victoria G. Fortner, who has presented many programs on Native American culture at Wickliffe Mounds.

The book can be purchased in the Wickliffe Mounds Research Center gift shop during regular museum hours. The center, which is affiliated with Murray State University, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., December through February. It is closed during the university's scheduled Christmas break.

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MAGAZINE MEETING...Linda Kelly (right) presented the program at the recent meeting of Murray Magazine Club held at the home of Karen Isaacs, center. Christine Pogue, left, gave the devotion. The club will meet Friday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at Dumplin's with Nancy Haverstock as hostess.



GIFTS PRESENTED...Members of the Food Service at North Elementary School delivered Christmas gifts to residents of Fern Terrace Lodge. Seated are Charles Clayton and Pearl Skinner, lodge residents. Standing (l-r) are Patsy Stallons, manager, Deb Ray, Jennifer Lyell, Debra Dodd, Cindy Chapman and Marilyn McKinney. Not pictured are Ted Riddle, lodge resident, and Melissa Rowland, food service member.

ACT prep workshop set for January

MSU News Bureau
 An ACT Prep workshop for adult participants will be held at Murray State University Jan. 3, 4 and 7. The Educational Talent Search (ETS) program sponsors the workshop.

Sessions will meet each evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at the TRIO

Building, located adjacent to the former Scout Museum, on the Murray State campus.

Workshop sessions will cover basic test-taking strategy for the ACT and tutoring in each of the subject areas included on the test. Participants will also take a practice version of the test

The workshop and tutoring are designed for people who are applying to college and plan to take the ACT Residual. Participants must be enrolled in ETS prior to the workshop.

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded grant program of the U.S. Department of Education, hosted locally by Murray State University. In addition to test preparation, the program distributes information about university admissions and financial aid, and assists persons with completing those applications.

To make an appointment for enrollment or to register for the ACT Prep workshop call 877-678-3387, a toll free number, or 762-3168 within Calloway County.

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Computer fields explored at MSU

MSU News Bureau
 Students from seven west Kentucky high schools converged on Murray State University in late November to investigate career opportunities in computer-related fields.

More than 300 students participated in presentations by several faculty members and toured campus facilities where they observed demonstrations relating to various areas of study. Another information day for high schoolers will be hosted after the first of the year.

A new program in electrical and telecommunications engineering was explained in which current research uses the principles of physics to improve technical performance producing better products. A challenging program, it is recommended that students who wish to pursue it have an ACT score of 24 or above.

Students were informed about occupations that take new technology and incorporate it into a functional wide area or local area network for business and government agencies. This curriculum is part of Murray State University's Telecommunications Systems Management Program of Distinction.

The day-long program was so popular with the high schools that another day has been set aside in January by the university to handle a waiting list of more than 100 students.

Anyone wishing to bring a group of students to investigate computer-related careers should contact Jeanie Carson at (270) 762-3987.

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Alcohol, drug use crosses all community lines

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second in a series of articles written by the Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP) to inform Kentucky on the efforts to address alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and to spotlight some of the initial 43 counties that have been designated KY-ASAP Local Boards.

Nationally, an estimated 15.4 percent of unemployed adults were current illicit drug users in 2000, compared with 6.3 percent of full-time employed adults and 7.8 percent of part-time employed adults. Of the 11.8 million adult illicit drug users in 2000, 9.1 million (77 percent) were employed either full time or part time.

This statistic tells us that issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and abuse cross all lines in a community: economic, social, gender, age etc. Because the entire community is facing this issue, only by coming together in a coordinated effort can we hope to address the challenges we face in this arena.

The abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs continues overall to increase and a new course is required. This new course was charted by the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly with the enactment of the Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP).

The Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP) establishes a ground-breaking framework which bridges the gaps often found among the agencies and community groups which address alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) issues. KY-ASAP seeks to create a Commonwealth of healthy communities free of the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and related consequences by promoting the implementation of comprehensive, research-based state and county strategies. KY-ASAP bridges the gap by linking communities to each other through KY-ASAP Local Boards, as well as to the state through a collaborative effort to reduce alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse and related consequences.

Through this partnership, local communities make decisions about alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues for themselves with the support and assistance from KY-ASAP. KY-ASAP empowers communities to take charge of local alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and treatment decisions and equip these communities to fill the gaps both within their local communities and statewide.

Coordinated Services — Fortifying the Foundation

Over the years, and especially in the past few months, we have learned that together we are stronger and that divided we cannot hope to achieve the greatness that awaits us. The path to success lies in pulling resources, strengths, talents and skills together to form a unified coordinated system. No where is this even more prophetic than when dealing with alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and treatment issues in a community. Establishing this type of coordinated system can originate in many ways but often begins with the invitation to open and honest communication. A coordinated system creates an atmosphere of trust that supports agencies' and individuals' efforts. Each of the local boards joining KY-ASAP in the work to reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and emulate a coordinated system by including all facets of their community on their own respective local boards. Through the formulation of these coordinated systems, KY-ASAP Local Boards create a strong foundation and are ready to meet the challenges ahead.

KY-ASAP Boyle County Local Board

The KY-ASAP Boyle County Local Board knows just how impor-

tant a coordinated system is in the effort to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and abuse. Long before KY-ASAP was fashioned, Boyle County demonstrated coordinated services through the Human Services Council. The Human Services Council was a coalition made up of those groups and individuals that offered services to the citizens of Boyle County. Members of this council soon joined the Champions Coalition and ultimately

evolved to forming KY-ASAP when the opportunity was presented to them.

According to Stacey Woodrum of the KY-ASAP Local Board, what makes coordinated services essential to this success is the breakdown of turf issues. Everyone in a coordinated system has one single purpose: to exchange information on what each is doing so that if gaps in services do exist they can readily be filled. Often times, gaps may seem

to exist when in fact it is the lack of information that made the gaps appear real.

While Boyle County does not have all the solutions to their alcohol, tobacco and other drug needs; they do have all the available resources in a coordinated system at the table. By continuing the history of working form a coordinated system issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and treatment issues are seen from different per-

spectives and preconceived notions are removed to allow for forward movement in meeting these needs.

The coordinated system is one of the crucial elements to building a bridge to span the gaps that exist in the prevention and treatment of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse. KY-ASAP invests in local communities so that local communities will be able to create and implement a strategic plan which incorporates the inclusion of a coordinated

system. These coordinated systems that comprise the cornerstone of the KY-ASAP effort enable both KY-ASAP and the KY-ASAP Local Boards to fulfill the vision of a healthy Commonwealth through the reduction of the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Creating a coordinated systems is a fortifying element to the efforts by KY-ASAP to bridge the gap in the effort to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Kentucky.



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SPORTS

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Locals take peek
under Charter treeBy MIKE OHSTROM
Staff Writer

Four local basketball teams hope to open some early Christmas presents with some wins from this weekend's Charter Communications Holiday Classic at the Regional Special Events Center.

Calloway County's Lady Lakers will be the first local squad to take the RSEC floor when they take on Webster County Friday at 5 p.m. CCHS will also meet Christian County in the finale of the two-day, 14-game showcase Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

The Lakers will face Greenfield (Tenn.) Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Caldwell County Saturday at 8 p.m. as Calloway looks to build on its 5-1 record, while Murray's boys will cap Friday's schedule with a 9:30 p.m. matchup versus Hopkins County Central.

MHS' Lady Tigers will head into Saturday's 12:30 p.m. opener versus Hopkinsville with a 6-1 mark to its credit.

"We need to take one game at a time, but it'll be interesting to see how we respond," said Lady Laker coach Scott Sivills of his squad's slate of back-to-back contests versus the 2-4 Lady Trojans and the 5-0 Lady Colonels.

Webster County is led by 5-7 freshman guard Paula Carver, who is averaging 12 points per game and will play with a broken nose.

Point guard Whitney Zachary, a 5-5 junior, has 33 points in her last two games for Webster, while 5-9 junior forward Ashley Steele is posting 11 points and six rebounds per outing.

Christian County, meanwhile, boasts an up-tempo style that has recorded 8.2 points per contest, paced by 5-8 sophomore guard Corkie Stiger (18 ppg) and 5-11 eighth-grade forward Arknia Brown (16 ppg, 9 rpg).

The Lady Colonels are also receiving 14 points per game from 5-6 sophomore point guard Shalea Pattey and 10 points and six rebounds from 5-9 junior center D'Erica Jones.

Calloway answers with 5-6 senior forward Whitney Ragsdale and her 14.4 points per game, while 5-4 junior point guard Felisha Prescott and 6-0 junior center Carley Williams are chiming in at 7.4 points per contest.

"(Webster) brings a strong man-to-man half-court defense," Sivills



Charter Communications Holiday Classic Schedule

Friday-Saturday Regional Special Events Center	
Friday's Games	
Union City (Tenn.) vs. Ballou Memorial (boys), 12:30 p.m.	
Greenfield (Tenn.) vs. Hopkinsville (Girls), 2 p.m.	
Martin (Tenn.) Westview vs. Lone Oak (boys), 3:30 p.m.	
Webster County vs. Calloway (girls), 5 p.m.	
Greenfield (Tenn.) vs. Calloway (boys), 6:30 p.m.	
Union Co. vs. Marshall County, 8 p.m.	
Hopkins Co. Central vs. Marshall (boys), 9:30 p.m.	

said. "They don't have the physicality they've had in the past, but they're physical and they're coached."

"(Christian) will probably be the most athletic team with their rebounding and getting rebounds and controlling the tempo will be key. They can score points in a lot of ways."

On the boys' side, the Lakers will be challenged by two equally intriguing matchups, both with a 3-7 Greenfield team that had reached the final 16 of the Tennessee Class A playoffs in straight years before last year's 14-13 campaign.

The Yellowjackets have 10 players averaging over 10 points a game, led by 6-7 junior forward Brandon Shanks (18.5 ppg), 6-0 sophomore guard Adam Blackburn (10 ppg) and junior forward Adam Vaughn (10 ppg, 7 rpg).

Calloway County, meanwhile, is 4-2 despite losing all three starters from last season's team. The Tigers revolve around 6-3 junior forward Josh Lambert (15 ppg, 5 rpg) and 6-5 junior center Desmond Dooley (10 ppg, 6.5 rpg).

Calloway will fire back with 6-1 junior swingman Matthew McClure (15.7 ppg) and 5-8 junior guard Jimmy Byrnes (10 ppg). Terry Adams, a 6-foot sophomore guard, has pitched in 10.8 points per outing off the Laker bench.

"Greenfield is a well-estab-

lished team that has won a 67-61 victory over Egyptian (Ill.) at the Marshall County Hoops Fest Dec. 7 in Draffenville.

Trice (14.5 ppg) has spread the wealth among 6-2 senior center Daryl Cole (12.9 ppg), 6-2 junior forward Blake Rayburn (11.8 ppg) and 6-3 senior forward Tom Masthay (10.4 ppg).

MHS head coach Dan Hudson hopes that the 10 extra feet of length provided on the 94-foot college court at the RSEC — home of the First Region Tournament — will aid his squad as it tries to deal with the Storm's full-court pressure defense.

"It's always good to play on the court where you play your regional tournament, and we always seem to play well over there," Hudson said. "(Hopkins Central) likes to get out and press, but it's hard to press on a bigger court like that because there's more room to cover."

Murray's girls will kick off the action Saturday in its first appearance since stunning Fourth District rival Marshall County 48-43 Friday at MHS.

The Lady Tigers will take the court against a 2-4 Hopkinsville team in its first year under Jimmy Chapman, who came out of retirement after winning 211 games over 13 years at Todd County Central.

Leigh Bolinger, a 5-8 junior point guard, is averaging 18 points per game for the Lady Tigers, who also rely on 5-7 junior forward Lacy Bostick, 5-6 sophomore guard Katy Lee and 5-8 senior center Netchey Rodriguez.

Murray will counter with All-Purchase forward Ashley Tripp, who has dropped in 11.2 points per game thus far.

The 5-11 senior has received plenty of help from 6-1 senior center Paige Adlich (15.9 ppg), 5-6 junior guard Sherrie Sexton (10.4 ppg) and 5-7 junior point guard Ashley Patterson (7.9 ppg).

"Bolinger is an excellent player," said MHS head coach Rechelle Cadwell Turner. "We've been watching her for the last few years and she's gotten better and better, and we'll have to limit her touches."

"We know we'll have to be ready. We haven't played since Friday, but we've been working hard in practice to make sure we have the same kind of effort we had last Friday."



STILL A GIANT...With no acceptable offer on the market, single-season home run champion Barry Bonds elected Wednesday to stay with the San Francisco Giants.

Bonds, Boone
elect to stay
with old teams

By The Associated Press

Barry Bonds' 73 home runs led to just one known offer, a market that convinced him to stay with the San Francisco Giants.

Bonds, who faced an uncertain free-agent future after setting the home-run record, was one of three free agents Wednesday to accept arbitration before a midnight deadline. He was joined by two Seattle Mariners: second baseman Bret Boone and third baseman David Bell.

"I'm glad he accepted it and that he'll be back with us for at least one more year," Giants assistant general manager Ned Colletti said. "He said all along he wanted to finish his career here and wanted to play here."

Eighteen players rejected arbitration offers, including pitcher Chan Ho Park (Los Angeles) and outfielders Juan Gonzalez (Cleveland) and Johnny Damon (Oakland).

If Bonds' case goes to a hearing in February before a panel of three arbitrators, he could wind up with a one-year contract worth at least \$20 million, which would shatter the arbitration record of \$8.2 million set this year by Atlanta's Andruw Jones.

Teams and players exchange proposed salaries on Jan. 18, but Bonds would prefer to sign a multiyear deal.

"Barry will continue to work toward that," said his agent, Scott Boras.

Gonzalez's agent, Jeff Moorad, said negotiations for his client likely will stretch past Christmas and that the Indians remain a long-shot.

"The door remains cracked open," Moorad said. "Mark Shapiro (Cleveland's general manager) and I talked at some length and agreed to stay in touch regarding Juan. At the same time, as I thought it might, ramped up this week. And we have begun to talk more specifically about other teams about what a multiyear contract for Juan might look like."

Boone's agent, Adam Katz, attempted to negotiate a multiyear deal during the day, but the Mariners would only guarantee three years, not four.

"Negotiations are ongoing and we're still hopeful we can come to terms on a multiyear deal," Katz said.

Bell's acceptance leaves the Mariners with two third basemen.

They acquired Jeff Cirillo from Colorado on Saturday.

Free agents who accept are considered signed for next year. Those rejecting the offers can negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8, about three weeks.

Bonds earned his record fourth MVP award this season, but the Giants were the only team to publicly admit making an offer to him. Boras told Colletti there was at least one other bid.

"Scott told me he had had a five-year offer," Colletti said. "I take him at his word. I don't know from where or from who."

Four other free agents found teams, with outfielder Moises Alou agreeing to a \$27 million, three-year contract with the Chicago Cubs and pitcher John Burkett getting an \$11 million, two-year deal with Boston. Pitcher Dave Burba agreed to a \$2 million, one-year deal with the Texas and pitcher Dennis Cook got a \$1.25 million, one-year deal with Anaheim.

In addition, the Red Sox acquired second baseman Pokey Reese from Colorado for catcher Scott Hatteberg. Reese, a two-time Gold Glove, was acquired by the Rockies on Tuesday with pitcher Denny's Reyes in a deal that sent pitchers Gabe White and Luke Hudson to Cincinnati.

In another deal, the Cubs traded outfielder Michael Tucker to the Kansas City Royals.

Also, reliever John Rocker agreed to a \$2.5 million, one-year contract with Texas, who acquired him Tuesday from Cleveland. Right-hander Kevin Jarvis agreed to a \$9 million, three-year contract with San Diego and outfielder Benny Agbayani agreed to a \$600,000, one-year deal with the Mets. All three had been eligible for salary arbitration.

Bonds had one of the greatest seasons in baseball history, breaking the record of 70 homers set by Mark McGwire. Bonds also had an .863 slugging percentage and 177 walks, breaking season marks held by Babe Ruth.

He became the first four-time Most Valuable Player winner and was thought to be seeking a five-year contract worth \$20 million or more annually, but teams were wary because of his age and lack of success in the postseason.

Pitino downplays Cards' fast start

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — If Louisville fans were feeling euphoric about the Cardinals' 7-1 start, Coach Rick Pitino tried his best to quell those emotions at his weekly news conference Wednesday.

"This team is not very good. They were never very good," Pitino said. "The only thing that's going to make them good is time, patience and hard work."

The Cardinals have won six straight since a 90-63 loss at Oregon on Nov. 24, but Pitino wasn't happy with the last victory — a 70-66 triumph over Tennessee Tech on Monday night.

The Golden Eagles lost despite outrebounding Louisville 42-40 and going 10-of-25 from 3-

point range.

"We didn't play very well. Watching the game, the performance of the team, including the O'Leary game."

Louisville hosts the seventh of an eight-game road trip. The Volunteers struggled at Radford on Monday, but it could be the most they face all season.

"They're great on the road, great on the perimeter," Pitino said. "We will have to have played in any game with any chance of winning."

Pitino knows he can't rely on Reece. Games, who struck out with a 3-pointer from the foul line with 18 seconds left. Game's foul shot

was fourth 20-plus game of the season, and had four rebounds and four assists.

Gaines leads the team in scoring (19 ppg.) and assists (3.6 apg.), and Pitino said he has become Louisville's best player because he distributes the ball so effectively.

What I like about Reece is that he's now drawing defenses with his passing," Pitino said. "I know he can score. I know he's a competitor, but guys who want to be great players have to make other people around them better, and he's starting to do that."

Pitino wishes he could get Gaines' level of play out of junior Erik Brown, Louisville's third-leading scorer last season.

Brown, a 3-point specialist, is 3-for-23 from the floor in the Cardinals' last three games, and Pitino abstractly explained that the 6-foot-5 junior from Lexington needs to be more active within his offensive system.



PITINO

Marshall's big rally tops ECU in GMAC Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Memo to the fans who left at halftime: You missed quite a show.

You missed Byron Leftwich throwing for 243 yards and three touchdowns after the third quarter of Marshall's 64-61, double-overtime victory over East Carolina in Wednesday night's GMAC Bowl.

You missed Darius Watts making a leaping grab in the corner of the end zone to tie it at 51 with 7 seconds left in regulation — and the missed extra point

that would have won it for Marshall earlier.

And you missed the highest scoring bowl game in history, and the Thundering Herd's comeback from a 38-8 halftime deficit.

"Lord, have mercy," East Carolina coach Steve Logan exclaimed. "I hope everyone got their money's worth."

Previously, the highest-scoring bowl was Texas Tech's 55-41 victory over Air Force in the 1995 Copper Bowl. That was a defensive struggle compared to

this one.

"It's astounding that a team had to lose," said Bob Pruett, who picked up a Marshall-record 69th coaching win. "This is two teams that really went at it."

Leftwich capped his 576-yard, four-touchdown night with an 8-yard scoring toss to Josh Davis to end it after East Carolina started the second overtime with a field goal.

"I can't give up," Leftwich said. "That's stupid to give up. It doesn't make no sense."

The Thundering Herd (11-2) scored 43 points in the second half, 28 in the third quarter. Apparently, Pruett's halftime sermon worked.

"I talked to them about not quitting, never quit trying," he said. "When you are down 38-8, you're grabbing out there for something."

It was an appropriate end for the Pirates (6-6), who lost five games by seven points or less and frequently struggled in the second half.

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UT-Martin	6-2	0-0
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Eastern Ill.	7-4	0-0
Morehead St.	5-3	0-0
Tenn. Tech.	5-3	0-0
Eastern Ky.	3-5	0-0
Tenn. State	3-5	0-0
Austin Peay	4-7	0-0
Southeast Mo.	1-7	0-0

Upcoming Games

Thursday, Dec. 20
 Webster at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.

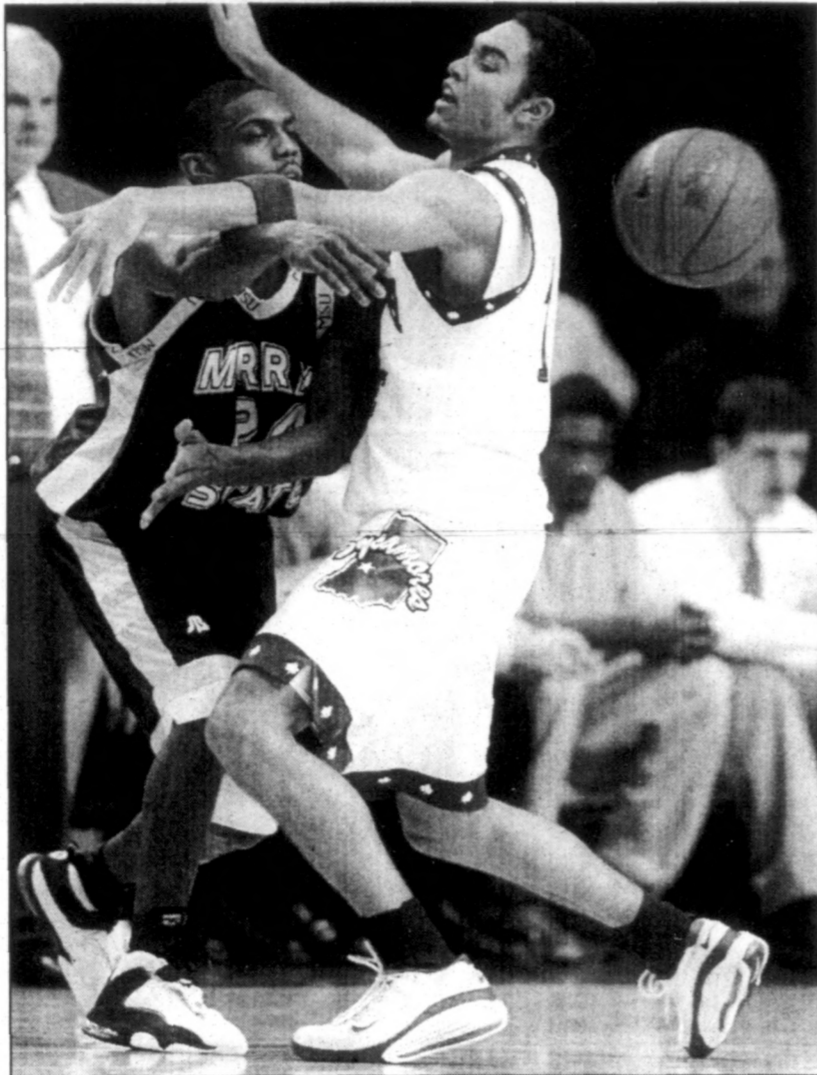
Friday, Dec. 21
 Morehead State at Samford, 7 p.m.
 Tenn.-Martin at Winthrop Tour., TBA
 Tenn. Tech at North Texas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22
 Eastern Illinois at Ohio State, 7 p.m.
 Austin Peay at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Murray State at Chattanooga, 7 p.m.
 SEMO at Southern Illinois, 3 p.m.
 Tenn.-Martin at Winthrop Tour., TBA

Racer Stats

Season Averages		
Name	Pts.	Min.
Justin Burdine	19.9	25.6
Antione Wheelchel	10.9	31.8
James Singleton	10.2	23.2
Kevin Paschel	9.2	26.6
Cuthbert Victor	7.9	25.6
Antonio Henderson	7.1	19.1
Rashard Harris	7.0	12.2
Andi Hornig	4.0	22.8
Chris Shumate	3.5	19.5
Rod Thomas	1.0	7.0
Chiwale Bedeau	0.7	6.3

In Focus



Justin Burdine
 Senior Guard • 6-1, 180

Despite his new role off the MSU bench, Justin Burdine remains the Racers' leading scorer on the young season at 19.9 points per game through last week's victory at DePaul. The Savannah, Tenn. native will be a key to Murray's play against Tennessee State's explosive guard combo of Garrett Richardson and newcomer Josh Cooperwood.

TSU Tigers



2001-02 Record: 3-5, 0-0 OVC
 2000-01 Record: 10-19, 7-9 OVC (6th)
 Returning Starters: 3
 Series vs. MSU: MSU leads, 27-11
 Last Meeting: Racers 114, TSU 100, OVC Tournament (1st Round), Feb. 26, 2001

Probable Starting Lineup
 F-Kyle Rolston, 13.8 ppg., 3.9 rpg. G-Garrett Richardson, 13.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 3.6 apg. G-Josh Cooperwood, 11.8 ppg., 2.5 apg. F-Olushala Ajanaku, 6.6 ppg., 4.9 rpg. C-Will Hendricks, 5.3 ppg., 2.1 rpg.



NOLAN RICHARDSON III
 Alma Mater.....Langston (1990)
 Record At TSU.....13-24 (2nd year)
 Career Record.....13-24
 Assistant Coaches.....Hosea Lewis, George Parker

2001-02 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 16	Trevecca Nazrme	W, 88-77
Nov. 24	Evansville	W, 101-78
Nov. 27	at Kansas State	L, 79-73
Nov. 29	at Wright State	L, 66-54
Dec. 1	at Louisville	L, 81-63
Dec. 3	Fisk	W, 86-72
Dec. 5	at Oral Roberts	L, 87-71
Dec. 8	at Middle Tenn. St.	L, 88-79

Last Time Out

MURRAY STATE: The Racers used a 12-0 run late in the first half to propel themselves to a 69-65 win over DePaul at the AllState Arena in suburban Chicago on Dec. 11 ... DePaul was leading 36-32 with 2:08 remaining in the first half before MSU put together its run, keyed by a pair of 3-point field goals from Kevin Paschel and Justin Burdine. Burdine led the Racers with 25 points.

TENNESSEE STATE: The Tigers were off for exams last week after having dropped a pair of games the week before — an 87-71 loss at Oral Roberts and an 88-79 defeat at Middle Tennessee State ... The Tigers are now 0-5 on the road, but are a perfect 3-0 at home ... **Kyle Rolston** ranks in the OVC's top ten in scoring (13.8 ppg.), field goal percentage (49.4) and steals (1.88).

OVC In NCAA Rankings

Individual

Assists
 Marquis, Sykes, Morehead St. (t-6) 7.3

Blocked Shots
 Drew Demond, SEMO (t-13) 3.0
James Singleton, MSU (t-20) 2.8

Field Goal Percentage
 Damien Kinloch, Tenn. Tech (14) 64.2

Points Per Game
 Henry Domercant, EIU (t-13) 23.0
 Nick Stapleton, APSU (15) 22.6

Rebounds Per Game
 Damien Kinloch, TTU (t-22) 10.4

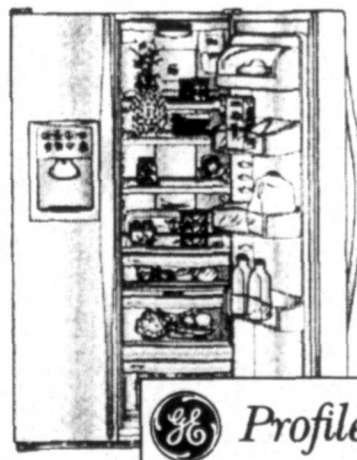
Steals Per Game
 Garrett Richardson, TSU (t-15) 3.1

3-Point FGs Per Game
 Shawn Fields, EKU (t-19) 3.3

3-Point FG Percentage
 Rhet Wierzba, APSU (t-26) 51.4

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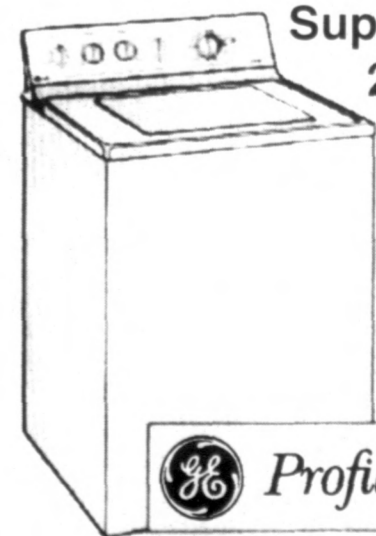
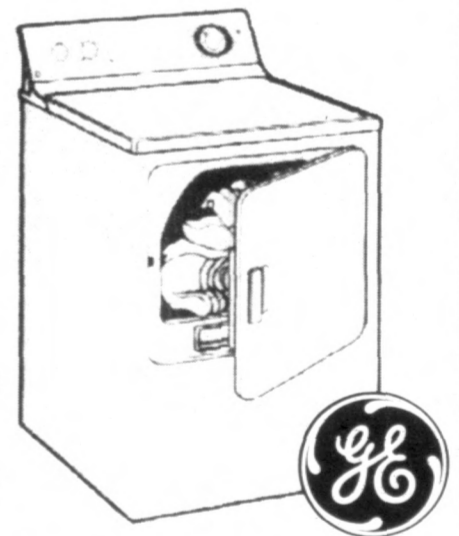
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Kidd, Martin push Nets past Minnesota 117-112

By The Associated Press

Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin saved the New Jersey Nets from an embarrassing home loss.

After New Jersey blew a 19-point lead and missed five free throws late in regulation, Kidd and Martin took over in overtime in the Nets' 117-112 victory over Minnesota on Wednesday night.

Kidd scored a season-high 33 points and had eight assists, six rebounds and four steals as the Eastern Conference leaders won their fourth straight game.

"Those are the types of games you give away and look back at the end of the season and say, 'We were up 15 points at home and we let that one slip away,'" Kidd said.

Martin had a career-high 31 points. He gave the Nets the lead for good in overtime with an uncontested layup

after Kidd stole the ball from Minnesota star Kevin Garnett.

"We could have folded, but we didn't," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "Jason and Kenyon were fantastic. They didn't want to lose this basketball game."

In other NBA games, it was Washington 103, Atlanta 76; Boston 104, Cleveland 98; Charlotte 94, Philadelphia 85; Orlando 98, Utah 90; Toronto 102, Indiana 90; San Antonio 97, Portland 79; Seattle 104, Sacramento 92; and Golden State 101, Detroit 88.

Down 95-76 with 8 minutes left, Minnesota rallied with a 15-0 run and tied it at 103 on Garnett's jumper with 10.5 seconds left. It went to overtime when Kidd missed a shot at the buzzer.

Minnesota led 110-108 on a tip-in by Rasha Nesterovic with 1:26

left, but Martin tied it with a dunk, and Kidd made his steal and pass to Martin for the go-ahead points. Kidd made it 115-110 by hitting one of two free throws with 12.2 seconds remaining.

Garnett had 29 points, 21 rebounds, seven assists and five blocks for the Wolves, coming off a home loss to Dallas on Tuesday night in which they blew a 22-point lead.

"You just can't give a team like this layups in overtime," Garnett said. "I don't think they even shot a jumper."

Wizards 103, Hawks 76
Michael Jordan blistered former Chicago teammate Toni Kukoc, scoring 23 points as Washington routed visiting Atlanta for the Wizards' seventh straight victory.

It was the Wizards' largest margin of victory of the season, and

their 12-12 record is their first .500 mark this late in the season since they finished 42-40 in 1997-98.

After a 1-for-6 start, Jordan finished 11-for-19 from the field and had six assists in 27 minutes. He scored 18 points in the second quarter as the Wizards took a 49-33 lead.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim led Atlanta with 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Kukoc had 19 points.

Spurs 97, Trail Blazers 79
Tim Duncan had 26 points and 12 rebounds as San Antonio won its ninth straight game.

KIDD-ING AROUND...New Jersey point guard Jason Kidd (with ball) had 33 points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals in the Nets' 117-112 home victory Wednesday over the Minnesota Timberwolves.



New allegations filed in case against Haskins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — More court documents filed by the University of Minnesota in its battle to recover \$1.5 million from former basketball coach Clem Haskins allege that academic cheating in Haskins' program began about seven years earlier than previously known.

In documents filed Tuesday, the university alleges that academic fraud began shortly after Haskins arrived as coach in 1986, the Star Tribune reported. Former employee Jan Gangelhoff said she began writing papers for players in the early 1990s — allegations that led to Haskins' ouster and probation for the basketball program.

Haskins is a Campbellsville resident and former standout player

and coach at Western Kentucky.

In a deposition for a civil trial set for April 22, a former student secretary said she wrote as many as 200 more and completed an independent-study course for former player Willie Burton. Burton was a star for the Golden Gophers from 1986-90 and was a first-round pick in the NBA draft.

The former secretary, Patricia Barta, worked in the basketball department from 1986-90 and said Haskins gave her money and gifts for the work.

Asked in the deposition how many papers she worked on, she said, "I would say over the years, a hundred, 200 over the years. Maybe 40, 50 that I wrote myself."

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Murray Tigers (5-3, 1-0)				Calloway County Lakers (5-1, 0-0)			
Player	G	Pts.	Avg.	Player	G	Pts.	Avg.
Kwen Trice	8	116	14.5	Mitchell McClure	6	94	15.7
Darryl Cole	8	103	12.9	Jimmy Bynum	6	75	13.2
Blake Rayburn	8	94	11.8	Terry Adams	6	65	10.8
Tom Masthay	8	83	10.4	Todd Sexton	6	43	7.2
Matt Kelleher	8	52	6.5	Clay Lamb	6	32	5.3
Dylan Volp	8	40	5.0	Jay Boggess	6	29	4.8
Mark Daniel	4	15	3.8	Logan Walker	6	28	4.7
Kyle Erwin	7	7	1.0	Seth Barrow	6	27	4.5
Sean McElrath	6	4	0.7	Roger Jones	4	10	2.5
Jordan Kelleher	5	0	0.0	Nathan Jones	6	4	0.7
Chris Bradley	4	0	0.0	Jay Wyatt	3	2	0.7
Josh Dunn	4	0	0.0	Cory Sires	3	1	0.3
Corey Perdue	4	0	0.0	Chase Futrell	4	1	0.3
Cory Zibel	2	0	0.0	Mark Anderson	3	0	0.0
Dustin Barnett	2	0	0.0	David Crouch	2	0	0.0
Team	8	516	64.5	Team	6	415	69.2
Opponents	8	503	62.9	Opponents	6	334	55.7

Calloway Co. Lady Lakers (4-3, 0-0)				Murray Lady Tigers (6-1, 1-0)			
Player	G	Pts.	Avg.	Player	G	Pts.	Avg.
Whitney Regsdale	7	101	14.4	Paige Adlich	7	111	15.9
Felisha Pagscott	7	52	7.4	Ashley Tripp	6	67	11.2
Carlie Williams	7	52	7.4	Sherrie Sexton	7	73	10.4
Lindsey White	7	41	5.9	Ashley Patterson	7	55	7.9
Shameka Dial	7	32	4.6	Delanda Olive	7	36	5.1
Tiffany Cunningham	7	15	2.1	Lisa Thurman	7	35	5.0
Kacee Stoncepher	7	11	1.6	Bre Sykes	2	2	1.0
Carrie Radke	3	4	1.3	Carley Faughn	4	2	0.5
Katie Ross	7	9	1.3	Breanna Volp	5	0	0.0
Brittany Lamb	6	4	0.7	Allyssa Hood	3	0	0.0
Meagan Rogers	7	3	0.4	Allison Cross	2	0	0.0
Ashley Chadwick	4	1	0.3	Shaina Marinoff	2	0	0.0
Andrea Loveless	3	0	0.0	Dee Martin	2	0	0.0
Kelly Taylor	2	0	0.0	Katie Waggoner	2	0	0.0
Heather Macha	1	0	0.0	Team	7	381	54.4
Team	7	325	46.4	Opponents	7	297	42.4
Opponents	7	332	47.4				

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Study: men outliving wives, having trouble coping

CORNWALL, Pa. (AP) — At midmorning, the Rev. Carl Ehrhart is in no hurry to clean up his breakfast remains from the kitchen table: bacon bits stuck to small egg white blobs, half an English muffin, half a glass of orange juice, a nearly full mug of black coffee.

The lingering leftovers reveal one way Ehrhart's life at the Cornwall Manor retirement community has changed since his wife, Geraldine, died of bone cancer on March 15, 2000. Gerry, as he called her, probably would have whisked the dirty dishes into the dishwasher soon after he had finished his last bite.

"I think I do a reasonable job, but what's reasonable for me doesn't mean very high standards," said Ehrhart, who arranges for the facility's housekeeping staff to clean his one-story ranch house every other week.

"My wife would look at a house or a room and see everything that needed to be done. I look at the same thing and I don't see anything. For me, it has to be real gross, real obvious ... I can't live in a pigpen."

Ehrhart, an 83-year-old retired Methodist pastor and philosophy professor, is among an increasing number of older men who are outliving their wives, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The number of widowers 65 and older was nearly 2 million last year, an increase of more than 50 percent from 1.3 million in 1980. But widowers in that age group still are vastly outnumbered by widows — 8.5 million in the 2000 census.

Some research suggests that elderly men may have more trouble coping with a spouse's death because they often are not prepared for it, and they are also less likely to confide in anyone about their grief because they fear showing signs of weakness, said John McIntosh, an Indiana University psychology professor.

"Most don't expect that their wives will die first," McIntosh said. "In addition to that, we know that men ... have been socialized to be independent and not turn to other people for help. The men who are widowers today are very unaccustomed to and probably quite uncomfortable with seeking help, and

might even shun help that is offered."

At the same time, McIntosh and other experts also caution against drawing excessively broad conclusions from such findings. Regardless of gender, other factors such as the untimeliness of the death, the quality of the marriage and family support also influence how a survivor copes, said Rick Morycz, chief of geriatric services at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh.

"After a period of normal grief, about six months to a year, most people do successfully adapt and do fine," Morycz said. "If you're widowed and you have poor health, or you don't have enough social support, those factors do more to directly affect self-esteem."

Eighty-three-year-old Frank Palmer has relied on a broad social network since his wife, Laura, died of colon cancer in 1997.

Palmer belongs to a support group of about 20 widowers and widows who meet once a month. He also gets weekly phone calls from his son who lives in a neighboring county; his daughter in At-

lanta visits a few times a year; and he boasts having "the best neighbors in the world."

He is currently busy sending Christmas cards to 150 friends and family members, carrying on a task he and Laura performed together in their Harrisburg home, where Palmer still lives. After she died, he expanded the project to include remembering everyone's birthdays and anniversaries. He estimates the mailings cost him \$200 to \$300 in postage a year.

"I sign every one of them 'In loving memory,' and everyone knows what that means because it was the theme of the funeral service, and it's also inscribed on her tombstone," Palmer said.

Palmer takes comfort in his support group meetings, where members read Bible passages, share stories about funny things that happened to them during the month, and send each other off with a ritual hug and kiss good-bye. As the oldest member, he makes a special effort to reach out to newcomers.

"I'm kind of a self-appointed counselor. I send them a card and

tell them to call me, help them with questions about how to handle Social Security and things like that," Palmer said. "I keep busy doing that. I don't have much time to get down in the dumps."

Ehrhart derives most of his support from visits and phone calls from his three "magnificent" daughters, as well as members of his church. But he is also unafraid of solitude, regularly going out to dinner by himself at restaurants,

and feels no need to join a formal support group.

Ehrhart has his wife's permission to remarry if he wishes, but he doesn't see much point in doing so, given his age and his contentment with life.

"It's not part of my thinking at this point," he said. "I've got it too good the way I am. When you've got your family, your support group as close together as I know we are, what's the point?"



YUMMY TO THE TUMMY...Children in Mrs. Nancy's class at Murray Preschool Headstart enjoy special party treats.

World's 65+ population triples

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people worldwide age 65 and older is projected to more than double to nearly 1 billion in the next 30 years if current trends continue.

The increase predicted in a study released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Institute on Aging will test governments' ability to address health care, retirement benefits and other issues that affect seniors.

"If aging developed countries are going to grow fast enough to cover their pension bills, old people in the developed world are going to have to work," said Paul Hewitt, director of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies' global aging initiative.

"Over the next decade, every industrial country is likely to face labor shortages and pension crises," he said.

The 65-and-older population increased from 131 million in 1950 to 420 million in 2000, census researchers found. Projections show that population surging to 967 million in by 2030.

Over the 1990s, the increase was about 2 percent each year.

In the United States, the 2000 census showed about 12 percent, or 35 million of the nation's 281.4 million people, were at least 65. That compares with 13 percent of the country's 248.7 million people a decade ago.

By 2030, one in every five American will be 65 as the baby

boom generation ages, the study projects.

Among the other forecasts: —Italy and Japan, at 28 percent, are predicted to have the greatest percentage of older people.

—More than one Japanese in 10 is expected to be at least 85 in 2030.

—Southeast Asian and less developed countries are expected to have the biggest percentage increases between now and 2030. The 65-and-over populations in Singapore, Malaysia, Colombia and Costa Rica are expected to at least triple in size.

The findings raise important public policy questions for the coming decades, experts said. Can countries provide adequate health care? What kind of pension and retirement systems can retirees expect?

"Population aging is a fundamental transformation of human society," said Richard M. Suzman, an NIA associate director. "Many governments and international agencies, as well as demographic researchers, have only recently begun to pay attention to this increasingly important trend."

Compared to other countries' pension systems, Social Security in the United States "can be counted on," said Suzanne Paul, of the New York-based group Global Action on Aging. "What we have is a dream."

Demographers said better health care overall means people are living longer. They are accounting for

a larger percentage of the population because the birth rate has declined in most countries, said John Haaga, an analyst with the Population Reference Bureau, a research organization.

Still, disparities were evident in many areas between richer and poorer countries. While disability rates were declining among older populations in developed countries, the study found it was likely to increase in still developing countries.

Older people in the United States tended to be better educated than comparable populations in most other countries, though educational attainment is expected to improve worldwide over the coming decades. Studies show that people with higher levels of education typically enjoy better health and higher standards of living.

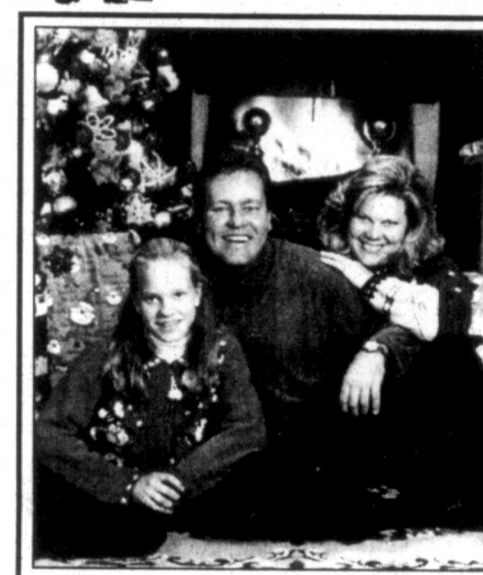
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'Soldier of Fortune' sees boom since Sept. 11

DENVER (AP) — A new wave of patriotism and the war in Afghanistan has boosted sales of the adventure and military magazine Soldier of Fortune.

Subscription orders have in-

creased from 107,000 in September to 140,000 for December, editor and publisher Robert Brown said. Orders made online for the print version have increased from about two or three daily to as many as 25.

"The average reader buys three or four copies a year from the newsstand," Brown said. "When you have a critical situation like this overseas where we're involved with bayonets, then that reader is going to buy pretty much every one."

Founded in 1975 as a journal for adventurers and military enthusiasts, Soldier of Fortune has struggled to maintain its relevance since the Cold War and saw its circulation decline in the 1990s.

The magazine's rise in popular-

ity coincides with reports from gun makers, gun dealers and the FBI that more Americans have been buying guns since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Concealed weapons permits are also up and attendance has grown at National Rifle Association gun safety classes, said NRA executive director Wayne LaPierre.

News magazines like Time and Newsweek also have gained popularity, similar to spikes during other major events like the Gulf War, said Dan Capell, a magazine industry consultant.

Specialized magazines that appeal to law enforcement officials have seen renewed interest, said Dan Shea, general manager of Small Arms Review.



STAFFERS...MMS yearbook staffers David Swaim, Sarah Kuykendall, Meagan Pember, John Quertermous and Sarah Hines sort through photos of their classmates for the yearbook that recently went on sale.

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Tourism slump concerns NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — The holiday season that is so crucial to New York's \$25 billion tourism industry is looking grim, despite a host of promotions and a late boost from patriotic visitors.

Hotel occupancy this month is expected to be down 8 percentage points from last December. Travel into metropolitan airports is projected to be off 20 percent over the holidays. Broadway ticket sales are down 15 percent.

Visitors who have shown up did so much later in the season than usual.

"People weren't in a planning mode, whether it was making reservations for a restaurant or a hotel or buying tickets for a Broadway show," said Jed Bernstein, president of the League of American Theaters and Producers.

College student Theresa Barbadore, 22, said her family took advantage of discount deals and traveled by train from Braintree, Mass., to spend two nights in the city, shop and see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall.

"The best thing anyone could do for the city is support it by coming in," she said.

The Barbadore family is typical of the type of "patriotic" visitors New York has attracted since the

Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center, said Cristyne Nicholas, president and chief executive of NYC & Company, the city's tourism bureau.

Many tourists have come from nearby states like New Jersey and Connecticut, or from upstate New York. But Nicholas said such visits do not bring nearly as much money to the city because the trips are shorter and might not involve a hotel stay.

Hotel occupancy rates for December are forecast at 70 percent, down from 78 percent last year, said Joseph Spinnato, president of the Hotel Association of New York City.

For an industry that saw occupancy rates drop by nearly half in the weeks immediately after Sept. 11, the season has been busier than anticipated, Spinnato said.

But many hotels had to offer steep discounts to attract tourists. At the Tribeca Grand and SoHo Grand, some deluxe rooms were almost \$100 cheaper than last year.

A month after the attacks, Nicholas told Congress that New York's 37 million annual visitors support 282,000 city jobs. Last year, tourism generated nearly \$1 billion in city taxes and more than \$2 billion for state and federal con-

tributions. Politicians, hotel owners and entertainment venue operators have scrambled to put together discount packages and marketing campaigns to bolster holiday tourism. A "Freedom Package" put together by NYC & Company links hotels, Broadway shows and restaurants for as little as \$157 a night. About 9,700 packages have been sold so far.

Still, Broadway shows are suffering compared with last year's record levels. For the last three weeks, ticket sales and grosses have been running about 15 percent below last year, Bernstein said. Eight shows plan to close after Jan. 1, compared with about six in previous years.

Tickets to the traditional holiday favorite, the New York City Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker," are lagging.

Nicholas said the city must recapture the tourists who fly in from around the United States and from overseas.

"Folks who can take the bus, train or their car into the city have been propping us up for the last two months," she said. "New Yorkers who hadn't seen a Broadway show in a year or two made it an obligation to see a show."

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Way found how red wine fights artery hardening

By The Associated Press

Researchers say they have discovered the key component in red wine that explains the so-called French Paradox, or the way the French can eat lots of cheese, buttery sauces and other rich foods and still suffer less heart disease than Americans.

The explanation is pigments known as polyphenols.

The pigments are not present in white wine or rose, and they seem to be less potent when they are present in grape juice.

Polyphenols inhibit the production of a peptide that contributes to hardening of the arteries, researchers report in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

In laboratory dish experiments, polyphenols in red wine decreased the amount of the peptide endothelin-1 produced by cells taken from the blood vessels of cows.

Endothelin-1 is a potent blood vessel constrictor, and overproduction of the compound is thought to be a key factor in why arteries clog with fatty deposits, said the researchers from the William Harvey Research Institute at the London School of Medicine & Dentistry.

In the study, the cow cells were exposed to extracts from 23 red

wines, four white wines, one rose and one type of red grape juice.

Researchers found the decrease in endothelin-1 levels was related to the amount of polyphenols in the wines.

The white and rose wines — which contain little or none of the pigment — had no effect on endothelin-1 levels.

Red grape juice, which has plenty of the pigment, was markedly less potent in reducing endothelin-1 than red wine. The researchers said that suggests that something in the wine-making process changes the pigment's properties.

Researchers believe the pigment comes from red wine skins. In white wine and rose, the grape skins are taken out before fermentation.

The type of grape also appeared to matter. Four of the six most effective red wines used in the study were made entirely or partially from cabernet sauvignon grapes.

"The key message is moderate consumption of red wine is likely to prevent heart disease, but we have no evidence that white wine or rose would have a similar benefit," said Roger Corder, who led the study.

The lower incidence of heart disease in France, despite a diet rich in

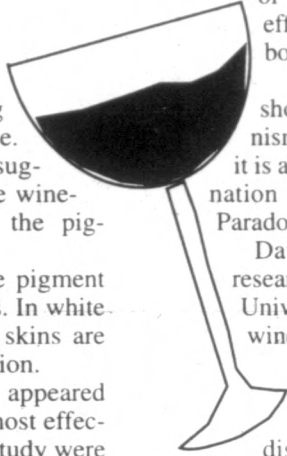
butter and other fats, has led researchers to look to the consumption of red wine, another staple of the French diet.

Other studies have shown red wine helps fight heart disease, and scientists have theorized that the benefits are caused by antioxidant compounds that prevent or slow the damaging effects of oxygen on the body.

Corder's research shows a different mechanism altogether. He said it is a more plausible explanation for the French Paradox.

David Klurfeld, a researcher at Wayne State University who linked red wine and a reduction in heart disease in 1981, noted that the cells were tested in a dish and said it is unclear how polyphenols work in the body. However, he said, the research opens another pathway that should be pursued.

"Is this the only mechanism, or is it a combination? There's not enough evidence that points us in any direction," Klurfeld said. "We're basically playing spin the wine bottle here."



Study says ibuprofen neutralizes aspirin's heart-protection effects

BOSTON (AP) — The popular pain reliever ibuprofen blocks the heart-protecting effects of aspirin, according to a study that sounds a warning for people who take both medicines.

"It would not do you a lot of good to take one medication only to have another wipe out its effects," said Dr. Muredach Reilly, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist who took part in the 30-patient study reported in today's (Thursday's) *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Many heart patients regularly take aspirin because it thins the blood and prevents the clots that cause heart attacks. Ibuprofen, which is in Motrin and Advil, is widely used for arthritis and other aches and pains.

In the study, when patients took a single dose of ibuprofen beforehand, aspirin lost 98 percent of its blood-thinning power. When aspirin was taken first, three daily doses of ibuprofen sapped aspirin of 90 per-

cent of its benefit.

The researchers believe that ibuprofen clogs a channel inside a clotting enzyme known as cyclooxygenase-1. Aspirin gets stuck at the bottleneck and cannot reach its own active site inside the enzyme.

The study found show no conflict between aspirin and three other arthritis drugs: rofecoxib, diclofenac, and acetaminophen, which is in Tylenol. But the researchers suggested that other drugs with structures like ibuprofen, such as indomethacin, will similarly block aspirin.

Ibuprofen belongs to a widely used class of pain relievers known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

"This isn't an indictment of all nonsteroidals, but it does give one pause," said Dr. Leslie Crofford, an arthritis specialist at the University of Michigan.

She wrote an accompanying editorial.

She said researchers should now study humans to verify if these laboratory findings translate into a real danger of heart attacks.

The study was funded partly by the National Institutes of Health and aspirin maker Bayer.

Fran Sullivan, a spokesman for Advil maker Whitehall-Robins Healthcare of Madison, N.J., said if the study is right, "it's more a matter of timing." He suggested that regular aspirin be taken two hours before ibuprofen. He said enteric-coated aspirin, which is released more slowly into the blood, could be taken at bedtime without a conflict.

The journal also published a separate study on unintended effects of aspirin and acetaminophen. The study, overseen at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, showed a 2 1/2 times greater risk of chronic kidney failure in patients who regularly take either drug. Earlier research suggested similar side effects.

Louisville man wins \$3M in malpractice suit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Jefferson County man and his brain-damaged, 2-year-old son won a \$3 million verdict Tuesday in a malpractice suit against Norton Hospital over the boy's birth.

The Jefferson Circuit Court jury also cleared the physician who delivered Zachary Benham, Dr. Irvin E. Bonner, of any wrongdoing.

The \$3,294,883.69 award will help Zachary's father, Kevin Benham, 32, raise his son on his own. Zachary's mother, Angel Benham, died in February from an unrelated heart ailment.

The family alleged in the two-week trial that Angel Benham had a reaction to a drug given to induce birth

and that the reaction was not properly addressed by nurses, their attorney, Tom Conway said.

That reaction limited blood flow from Angel Benham to Zachary, Conway said.

Within a day and a half of Zachary's birth on July 23, 1999, he began having seizures.

The hospital will appeal the verdict, said Karen Keith, an attorney representing Norton on the case.

"There were extenuating health circumstances for both the mother and the child," Keith said in an interview. The hospital argued that the child was damaged before Angel Benham arrived at the hospital.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 21, 2001:
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

Women dies, struck by own car

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A driver is dead after being run over by her own car, police said.
 Rose Lee Brashear, 62, had pulled into a driveway in a Clarksville subdivision on Tuesday when the 2000 Buick Park Avenue she was driving began rolling backward, Clarksville Police spokesman Lt. Geno Grubbs said.
 There were no witnesses, but Grubbs said Brashear may have been trying to stop the car from rolling.
 "We're really not sure what happened, but the house where she was visiting was on a steep incline, and we don't know if she was trying to get out or get back into the car," he said.
 The Buick rolled down the driveway, crossed the road and hit a utility pole. Grubbs says the car's transmission was found in reverse.
 Emergency workers called to the scene by a neighbor who heard the crash and found Brashear in the roadway with severe head and upper chest injuries.
 She was pronounced dead on arrival at Gateway Medical Center.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ ★★ Recognize the importance of maintaining your word, even it means a bit of a problem or discomfort. Take a stand, especially with a work-related matter. Those in your immediate circle will listen. You don't recognize just how vibrant you are. Tonight: Relax and go with the flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ ★★ Follow your friends, and you can't go wrong. A partner reverses his or her stand, and goes his or her own way. Friends share high enthusiasm and fun, though you do need to brainstorm with one specific person. Follow the music. Join in the caroling with others. Tonight: Start the partying.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ ★★ You carry the banner at work or at home, wherever you feel it's necessary. You don't need to extend yourself too far. Stay secure when dealing with someone on a one-on-one level in the next few weeks. Ferret out someone's feelings, rather than guessing or making up a story. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ ★★ Reach out for someone. Pressure builds around relationships in the next few weeks. If you think back, this tension occurs every year. Part of the reason might be the pressure of the holidays. Let others express more of their feelings, even if you wished they would convey their emotions differently. Tonight: Drive around and enjoy the lights.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ ★★ A partner or associate could be more cantankerous than you realize. Plans rapidly change as a result. You might not want to be as close to this person if he or she is always this moody. Focus on nurturing yourself as well. Read between the lines with someone. Tonight: Make nice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ ★★ You don't have to do much. All you have to do is respond. An invitation could delay returning home early. Let someone know rather than wonder. Power your high energy with good organization when trying to complete last-minute details. Tonight: Let the romantic in you emerge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ ★★ Communicate with others about your expectations, especially at home and with family. If people don't know your expectations, how can they possibly fill them? Take greater responsibility for your communication. Meanwhile, get busy with errands. Tonight: Soak your feet in a hot bath.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ ★★ Your imagination lets you reach out for others but also could do considerable damage to your checkbook. You just might pull a rabbit out of a black hat, if you use your good sense and your ingenuity. Initiate conversations with brainstorming buddies. Tonight: Cheer the holiday and long weekend in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ ★★ Family and/or a domestic matter could prove to be an albatross in the making if you don't handle this situation effectively and immediately. Brainstorm with family, talking about limits and frustrations. Use your financial wisdom and stay clear of trouble. Tonight: Nap first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ ★★ Reach out for others, especially those who might not be as cheerful or upbeat as you. Be appreciative of the different people in your life and what they offer. Be explicit if you run into a problem. How you communicate has much to do with your reception. Tonight: Out making merry!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ ★★ Finish off errands and clear out your Santa list. Balance your budget carefully before you take off to do your thing or to finish off a "few" last-minute gifts. You might want to think about what might be most meaningful to someone. Take your time. Tonight: Treat yourself too!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ ★★ How someone views a problem could be a lot different through your eyes. Your tendency, especially now, is to take action and clear out any hassle. Add that extra touch and smile that cheers up everyone around you. Avoid making a big deal out of anything. Tonight: Just ask. It's someone's pleasure.

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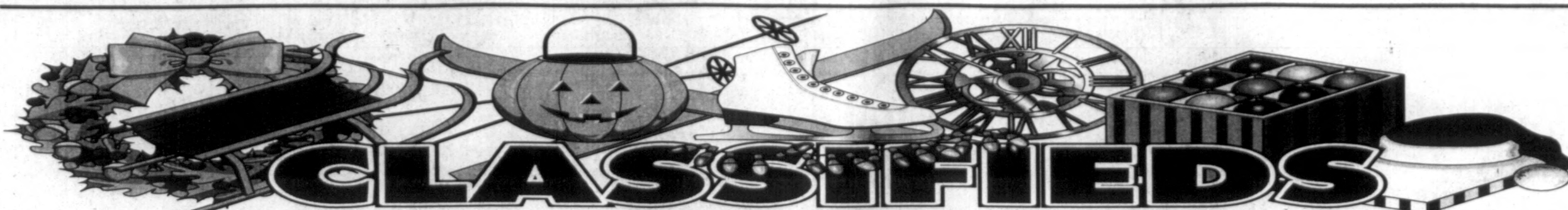
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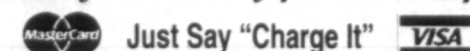
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"The Internet can be a very useful tool in your search for college aid," said Dr. Joe L. McCormick, KHEAA's Executive Director. "But students need to use the World Wide Web intelligently to take full advantage of it."
The Internet is not regulated by any agency. That makes it easier for unscrupulous people to victimize students. McCormick recommends that students and parents closely examine any Web site that charges a fee for student financial aid information. Most, if not all, of that information can be found for free.
KHEAA's Web site has links to free scholarship searches on the College Board and FinAid! The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid Web sites. Affording Higher Education, a KHEAA publication that lists over 2,700 student financial aid sources available to Kentuckians, can also be accessed on www.kheaa.com. KHEAA's Surf the Net brochure lists the Web addresses of most Kentucky institutions of higher education, many of which have student financial aid information, as well as the addresses of other sites with information about college planning and financial aid.
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DR. GOTT

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with mucous colitis. What is this condition? How can I treat my sudden attacks of diarrhea?

DEAR READER: Mucous colitis and spastic colon are antiquated terms for irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), a common intestinal disorder of unknown cause, marked by periodic abdominal pain, bloating and disruption of evacuation (constipation or diarrhea). The affliction, which causes no health problems, is usually worsened by stress.

Once more serious, treatable bowel disorders — such as lactose intolerance, diverticular disease and ulcerative colitis — have been ruled out by appropriate testing and X-ray studies, patients with IBS are given counseling, modified diets and medication to reduce intestinal spasticity.

With respect to your case, you may find that, after careful analysis, certain foods or situations will trigger attacks of diarrhea. To prevent annoying symptoms, you might choose to avoid these factors whenever possible. In addition, you could try the stool-bulking agents Metamucil or Questran, in order to reduce the severity of your diarrhea and lead to better regularity. Over-the-counter Imodium could be very helpful; this drug is not harmful for chronic use, providing it is administered with your physician's approval. Finally, a gastroenterologist would be able to give you other tips to make your evacuations more predictable and controllable.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome."

DEAR DR. GOTT: At the age of 40, I



have already undergone four lower back operations for herniated discs. Now I have numbness and weakness in my right hand. An MRI scan showed three badly herniated discs in my cervical spine. My surgeon says that I must have an operation to correct these discs. Will this correct my symptoms? What is the cause of this disease?

DEAR READER: No one knows the cause of herniated discs in the spine, although the condition tends to be hereditary; many experts believe it is due to a genetic weakness of the structures that hold the discs in place.

I assume the MRI showed that one or more discs in your neck have bulged out of place and are pressing on sensitive nerves to your arm, with resulting numbness and weakness. This is potentially very serious, because if left untreated - the situation could worsen and cause a permanent handicap.

I further assume that you and your surgeon have explored other treatment options, such as intensive physical therapy and steroid injections.

If this is the case, your surgeon is correct: Operative repair (to reposition or remove the offending discs) may be the logical next step. Follow the specialist's advice - or, if you are reluctant to proceed, request a referral to another neurosurgeon for a second opinion.

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DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: We've all heard the statement, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk." My question is this: To what extent should a friend go in order to prevent someone from driving drunk?

I am a 6-foot guy who is in good shape. I'm sure I could prevent anyone from getting behind the wheel, but let's just say it could get ugly.

With all the danger and devastation that could result from drunk drivers, is it reasonable to use physical force to stop them — or should one's protests end at a verbal level?

Thanks in advance for setting me straight, Abby. I want to do the right thing.

ERIC IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR ERIC: In the past I have advised concerned friends to "do whatever it takes" to prevent an obviously drunk person from getting behind the wheel. But in 1999 a reader did me one better. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: ... Twice I have had to take car keys from drunken friends who insisted they could drive ... later, they both thanked me.

On another occasion, I tricked a large male friend (who was almost too drunk to stand) by switching his keys for mine. I simply said, "Hey, you've got the wrong keys," holding out mine and grabbing his. Abby, he bought it — and when he couldn't get his car started, he just slept it off behind the wheel of his car, which was parked in my driveway. Later, upon reflection, he realized what he'd done and thanked me profusely for "saving a few lives that night." (It's been more than four years and he hasn't touched a drop since.)

The point is: Anything is better than a drunk driver on the streets or highways. Do whatever it takes — remember, one intoxicated person is usually no match for two or more sober ones. You can outwit them — or you can use force if necessary. Everyone I have mentioned in this letter was at least twice my size. I'm female, 5 feet, 2 inches and weigh less than 100 pounds.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, AND I'LL KEEP DOING IT

DEAR BEEN THERE: I admire your gutsiness and ingenuity in switching car keys with your drunken male friend. However, knowing how unpredictable a person under the influence can

be, I would never recommend using force to dissuade someone from driving, because it could provoke violence. It's deplorable, but I've seen it happen.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 29 years old, a single mother of three kids, and I have been dating one guy exclusively for about five years. We live together in a house he inherited from his grandmother.

Every time his mother comes into town, he asks my kids and me to pack up all our stuff and leave until she's gone. He says it's because his mother doesn't want us to live together until we're married and that she was raised in this house. What do you think?

PUT OUT IN PHOENIX

DEAR PUT OUT: I think after five years, it's time you stopped clinging to this fully grown boy and found a man who is marriage-minded. His insistence that you take the children and move out when his mother comes to town means he's unwilling or unable to stand up to her disapproval.

Children need stability. Being uprooted every time this woman visits cannot be good for them emotionally. Please understand that this is only a sample of what your future holds, if at any point you and this man marry. His mother's approval will always come before the welfare of you and your children.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

LOOKING BACK

Ten years ago

Winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest by the Garden Department of the Murray Women's Club were Mr. and Mrs. David Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Waller, best overall; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale, best nativity; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cohoon, best yard scene; The Cherry Branch, best window; Mr. and Mrs. David Buckingham and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hewitt, best door; Mrs. Thelma Jones, best children's 'Carolyn's Corner, best business.

Births reported include a boy to Trent and Diana Thompson, Nov. 4.

Twenty years ago

Published is a picture of Harry Weatherly beginning the day by scraping ice off his windshield yesterday morning. The temperature dropped to seven degrees above zero. The photo was by Staff Photographer Jennie Gordon.

In high school girls basketball games, Calloway Lakers won 58 to 29 over Fulton City and Murray Tigers won 59 to 40 over Trigg County. High team scorers were Donna Hoke for Calloway, Jones for Fulton, Monica Greene for Murray and Nannette Torian for Trigg.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford McClure will be married 60 years Dec. 25.

Thirty years ago

First place winners in the Home Decoration Contest, sponsored by Garden Department of Murray Woman's Club, were Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, whole yard; Sue and Martha Hughes, doorway; Mrs. Vernon Hale, window; Mr. and

Mrs. H.T. Waldrop, outdoor tree; Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Outland, children's Christmas.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDill, Dec. 10; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Francis Gluibizzi, Dec. 11; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Newton, Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford McClure will be married 50 years Dec. 25.

Forty years ago

The two Murray banks, Peoples Bank and Bank of Murray, announced that interest rates will be raised to three percent on savings accounts and to four percent on 12-month time deposit certificates.

Calloway County High School Choirs and Band presented a program of Christmas music on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin H. York, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Oliver and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean Jones.

Fifty years ago

James Dale Riley, 7, died from injuries sustained when he was struck by a car while crossing the highway about one mile south of Almo Heights near Coles Crossing about 4 p.m. Dec. 19.

Dr. James C. Hart, Dr. Ora K. Mason and Dr. Conrad H. Jones are new officers of the Calloway County Medical Society.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett Cooper and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Darnell, Dec. 13; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hampsher, Dec. 14; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Brandon, Dec. 15.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Two Wrongs Make a Right

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: A 10, A J 3, K 6 5, A K Q J 7. WEST: Q 9 6 4 2, 9 4, Q 7 2, 10 8 4. EAST: K 8 5 3, 5, J 9 8 4, 9 6 3 2. SOUTH: J 7, K Q 10 8 7 6 2, A 10 3, 5.

The bidding: North 2 NT, East Pass, South 4, West Pass. Opening lead — four of spades.

We don't usually tell tales out of school, but this story seems worth repeating. It happened in an expert rubber bridge game many years ago. If the bidding seems screwy, all we can say is that we agree. But the bidding, and the explanation for it, is the crux of the story.

Many players use the Gerber convention opposite opening notrump bids and certain other notrump responses. Gerber is similar to Blackwood, the chief difference being that the quest for aces starts at four clubs instead of four

notrump. The responses to a Gerber four-club bid are geared to a step system, just as in Blackwood. Four diamonds shows no aces; four hearts one ace; four spades two aces; and so on.

South was naturally confident that if North had three aces for his opening two-notrump bid, there would be 13 easy tricks. So, in an effort to reach a grand slam, he bid four clubs, hoping his illustrious partner would read this as Gerber.

South's hopes materialized when North recognized the response and bid four spades to show his three aces. It didn't occur to North that according to the convention, he was showing only two aces.

You might wonder, therefore, why South jumped to seven hearts, knowing his side was lacking an ace. The answer is that South made exactly the same miscalculation as North! He also thought four spades showed three aces.

Certainly nothing was wrong with the final contract — there were tricks to burn. North was Harold Ogust, who several times represented the United States in international competition, and South was Alphonse Moysse Jr., for many years editor of The Bridge World magazine. They proved one thing: Two wrongs can sometimes make a right.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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DAILY COMICS

BLONDIE

Blondie comic strip panels. Panel 1: "WE ONLY HAVE TWO MORE DAYS TO PRACTICE OUR CAROLING." Panel 2: "LET'S GET WITH IT!" Panel 3: "WAKE DAGWOOD SO WE CAN BEGIN." Panel 4: "NAH, LET HIM SLEEP." Panel 5: "IT'S THE ONLY TIME ALL WEEK THAT HE'S BEEN ON KEY!"

CATHY

Cathy comic strip panels. Panel 1: "REMEMBERING FRIENDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS." Panel 2: "DIANE MOVED. IS THIS HER NEW ADDRESS OR HER OLD ADDRESS?" Panel 3: "THE SCOTTS HAD A BABY GIRL. BUT WHAT DO THEY CALL HER?" Panel 4: "JOAN GOT MARRIED. BUT WHAT NAME DOES SHE USE? TED GOT PROMOTED. BUT TO WHAT? SUE GOT ENGAGED. BUT TO WHO?" Panel 5: "I ONLY REMEMBER ENOUGH TO PREVENT ME FROM FINISHING ANYONE'S CARD."

FOR BETTER or WORSE

For Better or Worse comic strip panels. Panel 1: "HOO! THAT DUDE'S GOT A WHOLE BUSLOAD OF UNIVERSITY KIDS HEADIN' HOME FOR CHRISTMAS... HOPE HE CAN STAND THE NOISE!" Panel 2: "YOU'RE NOT PEEKING, ARE YOU?" Panel 3: "ONLY WITH MY EARS."

GARFIELD

Garfield comic strip panels. Panel 1: "SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE AHM." Panel 2: "YOU'RE NOT PEEKING, ARE YOU?" Panel 3: "ONLY WITH MY EARS."

PEANUTS

Peanuts comic strip panels. Panel 1: "I DON'T WANT YOU TO GIVE ME ANYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, LINUS..." Panel 2: "REALLY? THAT'S TOO BAD, BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, AND I ADMIRE YOU FOR IT..." Panel 3: "CANCEL THAT ORDER FOR THE TEN-THOUSAND DOLLAR NECKLACE!!!" Panel 4: "AFTER THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER AND EVERYTHING HAS QUIETED DOWN, I'M GOING TO SLUG YOU!"

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1 Restrain, 5 Fellows, 8 Citrus peel, 12 Layered cookie, 13 Qty., 14 Light sword, 15 Read, 17 Positive role models, 19 Net, 20 Ringtones, 21 French 1 verb, 23 Birthday-cake must, 24 Prickly seedcase, 26 Get wider, 28 — soda, 31 Uh cousin, 32 "Most Wanted" org., 33 Neighbor of ID, 34 — chi (martial art), 36 Rosters, 38 Fourposter, 39 Country singer, 41 Fuss, 43 City in Italy, 45 Do-re-mi, 48 Passes a bill, 50 Achieve, 51 Busy places, 52 Std., 54 Pinnacle, 55 If not, 56 Financial wiz, 57 George Bernard —.

DOWN: 1 Absorbs, with "up", 2 Forest unit, 3 Weirder, 4 Get on a horse, 5 West of Hollywood, 6 Dorothy's aunt, 7 Utmost degree, 8 Low scores, 9 Noteworthy periods, 10 Try to find, 11 Thomas Hardy, 16 Vassal, 18 Peace, 22 Fairylike, 23 Legal documents, 24 Except, 25 Thurman of films, 27 Crunch targets, 29 Impress, 30 Young chap, 35 Arctic dwellings, 36 Let borrow, 37 Mo. bill, 38 Bring up, 40 Expire, as a policy, 42 Smidgens, 43 Labyrinth, 44 Goddess's statue, 46 Peru's capital, 47 One more time, 49 Cul-de —, 50 Muslim honorific, 53 Corporate exec.

Crossword puzzle grid with starting letters and numbers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2001. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States at ceremonies in New Orleans.

On this date: In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

In 1980, the government of the Soviet Union confirmed that Premier Alexei N. Kosygin had died two days earlier at the age of 76.

In 1987, more than 3,000 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

In 1989, the United States sent troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

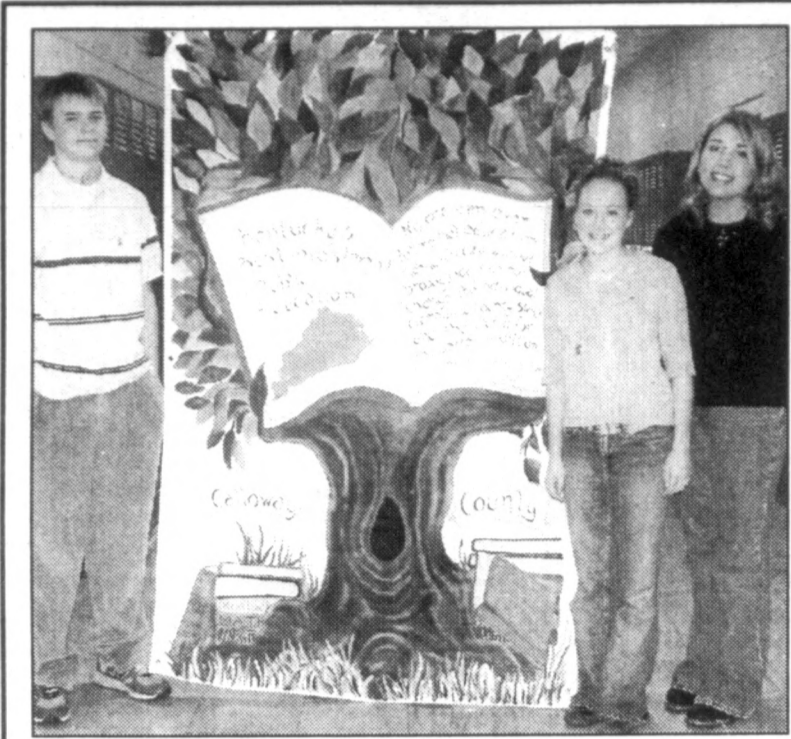
One year ago: President-elect Bush named businessman Paul O'Neill to be his treasury secretary; Ann Veneman to be the first female secretary of agriculture; Mel Martinez to be secretary of housing and urban development; and Don Evans, secretary of commerce.

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Arts

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Garth, Toby topped for best country of '01



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ARTISTIC INVESTMENT ... Chris Owen, Noelle Olsen and Amanda D'Angelo, students of Glenn Leckie's Advanced Art Class, are shown above with the banner they designed for display in the Kentucky School Board Association's annual conference to be held Jan. 25-27 at the Gait House in Louisville, Ky. This year's theme is, "Kentucky's Best Investment — Public Education."

In the Spotlight

KET to showcase MSU orchestra, other west Ky. talent Sunday

MADISONVILLE, Ky. — In Performance at the Governor's Mansion "On the Road at the Glenna Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville" showcases some of western Kentucky's best and brightest musical performers.

Hosted by Sky Yancey, the program will air Sunday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. CST on KET.

Jim Walker, a nationally-known flutist and the program's featured musician, performs two pieces, Kennan's "Night Soliloquy" and a work written especially for him, "American Flute Salute."

Walker's flute solos have been featured in many major motion pictures, including "Anna and the King," "Titanic," and "The Patriot."

Originally from Muhlenburg County, he is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Music, and currently works at the University of Southern California School of Music.

Walker also performs with the Murray State University Symphony Orchestra, which is composed of string, wind and percussion players from the campus and community, under the direction on Professor Dennis L. Johnson.

The orchestra also performs Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor" and two movements from Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite."

Also featured in the program is Janet Cunningham, a popular vocalist living in Central City, Ky., who will perform "Three American Gospel Songs" by Luigi Zaninelli. Cunningham is the minister of music of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Central City.

Next, members of the Governor's School for the Arts 1999, 2000 and 2001 Vocal Music Ensembles perform two Mozart works under the direction of Dr. A.T. Simpson.

The entire cast ends the program with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

In Performance at the Governor's Mansion is a partnership of the Governor's office (Special Projects and the Governor's Mansion), the Secretary's Office, Cabinet for Education, Arts and Humanities, and KET.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The sales are still being tallied. But for quality, 2001 was a very good year for country music.

Country got in touch with its bluegrass roots, came up with several promising new stars, and let more of its large, vibrant underground get some attention.

What follows is a list of 10 albums representing the best in country in 2001, selected with the idea of representing all the worthy styles. Although this list is mostly comprised of male artists, albums by Patty Loveless, Danni Leigh, Gillian Welch, Cyndi Thomson and Deana Carter came close.

Best of the Best

Phil Lee — "You Should Have Known Me Then" (Shanachie)

Get this man a major-label record deal! Phil Lee has lived three times as much life as the typical pretty boys and girls promoted by Nashville record companies these days. Lee's got the songs to prove it. If combining the social conscience of Woody Guthrie with the twisted fury of Jerry Lee Lewis sounds good to you, you can't go wrong with "You Should Have Known Me Then." Single: "Just Some Girl" or "Daddy's Jail." Don't-miss cut: "You Should Have Known Me Then."

Best of the Mainstream

Garth Brooks — "Scarecrow" (Capitol)

Toby Keith — "Pull My Chain" (DreamWorks)

Blake Shelton — "Blake Shelton" (Warner Bros.)

Garth Brooks is so assured on "Scarecrow" that it will be a shame if he really does decide to stop recording. There's a reason why he's the biggest star in country music, and it's not about the marketing, as has become the conventional wisdom. He's a great singer, with a sure sense of those songs that work best for him. Single: "Squeeze Me In." Don't-miss cut: "Pushing Up Daisies."

Toby Keith has become to country music what Dennis Rodman once was to the NBA. He tends to rub people the wrong way, but he keeps getting the job done. The cocky Oklahoman starts off "Pull My Chain" with "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight," a top-flight dating song. From there he goes all over the map, including his second successful foray into country-rap. Single: "I Wanna Talk About Me." Don't-miss cut: "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight."

Blake Shelton broke through this year with the hit "Austin," and based on the rest of "Blake Shelton," he should become a major star. He even had the gumption to take Nashville to task on his first album with "Same Old Song." Single: "All Over Me." Don't-miss

cut: "Same Old Song."

Best of the Traditionalists

David Ball — "Amigo" (Dualtone)

Ralph Stanley & Friends — "Climch Mountain Sweethearts" (Rebel)

David Ball scored the major 1994 hit "Thinkin' Problem," then did a steady fade. Talent wasn't the problem. Moving to the independent Dualtone seems to agree with him, and he's responded with a Western swing album that's his best. "Riding With Private Malone" was the comeback hit he'd been looking for, and there's plenty more on "Amigo." Single: "Riding With Private Malone." Don't-miss cut: "Amigo."

Mountain music man Ralph Stanley gathers some prime female talent (including Iris DeMent, Sara Evans, Lucinda Williams) for his follow-up album to "Climch Mountain Country," which paired him with admirers such as Bob Dylan. If you loved the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack and want to delve deeper, "Climch Mountain Sweethearts" is a fine place to start. Hit single: "You Win Again" with Melba Montgomery. Don't-miss cut: "Farther Along" with Lucinda Williams.

Best of the Renegades

Robbie Fulks — "13 Hillbilly Giants" (Bloodshot)

Dale Watson — "Every Song I Write Is for You" (Audiium)

Robbie Fulks gives a fun and sometimes harrowing history lesson on "13 Hillbilly Giants," digging up lost talents such as Wynn Stewart and Hylo Brown, and bringing up the darker side of more familiar stars such as Porter Wagoner and Bill Anderson. There's lots of great

country music coming out of the Chicago-based Bloodshot label. Single: "Cocktails." Don't-miss cuts: "Jeannie's Afraid of the Dark" and "Bury the Bottle With Me."

Dale Watson wrote "Every Song I Write Is for You" as a concept album after the death of his girlfriend in a car accident. It's a tough, depressing ride — country music at its best. Single: "I'd Deal With the Devil." Don't-miss cut: "I See Your Face in Every Face I See."

Best of the Tribute Albums

Various artists — "Timeless" (Lost Highway)

Various artists — "A Tribute to John Hartford: Live From Mountain Stage" (Blue Plate Music)

"Timeless" is a tribute album to

Hank Williams Sr., and it's one for the ages. Keith Richards sings "You Win Again." Beck sings "Your Cheatin' Heart," and Johnny Cash does "I Dreamed About Momma Last Night." Any questions? Single: "Your Cheatin' Heart." Don't-miss cut: "Cold, Cold Heart" by Lucinda Williams.

John Hartford, who died in June, was an underrated artist, partly because of his own disregard for stardom. He was still alive during the 2000 tribute concert captured here, and even offered spry performances including his opus about Bill Monroe, "In the Heart of the Cross-eyed Child." Single: "Gentle on My Mind" by Kathy Mattea and Tim O'Brien. Don't-miss cut: "In Tall Buildings" by Gillian Welch.

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