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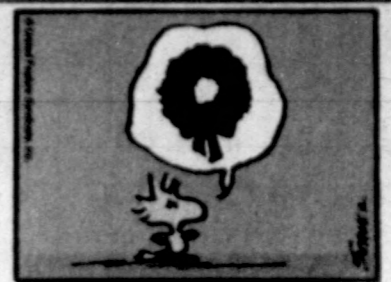
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Murray city council one of lowest paid

Other city councils in Kentucky offer benefits, too

By EDWARD SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

A pay increase of \$200 a month would be welcomed by employees at virtually any business. But is that amount enough — or too much — if that employee is a member of the Murray City Council?

The council approved the first reading of an ordinance last Tuesday that would increase monthly pay for its members from \$100 to \$300. If the ordinance passes a second reading at the council's Dec. 12, the pay raise will become official.

No council member would actually receive an increase in pay until January 2005, because state law stipulates any such pay increase must be approved prior to May 31 during an election year in order to take effect during the upcoming year. Elections for the current council were held this November.

At the request of mayor-elect and current council member Tom Rushing, a study will be done to review the size of Murray's city council, which currently stands at 12 members. A motion by Rushing during the council's Nov. 26 meeting to put the raise off until a study of the city's budget could be done was voted down.

While a \$200 per month raise may seem like a large amount, the increase actually still leaves Murray's city council members as some of the lowest-paid in Kentucky. Plus, council members (or commissioners) in some other parts of the state also receive health and life insurance, while Murray's do not.

Murray's population is currently listed at 14,950. Examples of salaries from cities similar in size to Murray include:

• Mayfield, which will go from 12 to 10 council members in January. Population 10,349. Council

members will begin receiving \$340 per month in January, in addition to health and life insurance through the city.

• Somerset. Population 11,352. Twelve council members receive \$7,500 per year salary, health insurance and retirement benefits.

• Glasgow. Population 13,019. Twelve council members receive \$7,350 per year salary, health insurance and reimbursement for travel expenses.

• Newport. Population 17,048. Four commissioners receive \$12,000 per year, but no health insurance or other benefits.

• Danville. Population 15,477. Four commissioners receive \$5,800 per year salary, in addition to health, dental and life insurance.

Murray's pay scale is very similar to neighboring Benton's, where six council members receive \$100 each month. It is significantly lower than Paducah's, however, where four commissioners receive \$16,975.34 per month, in addition to health insurance.

It is also relatively low when compared to what members of the Calloway County Fiscal Court take home each year. Fiscal court magistrates receive an annual salary of \$12,368, in addition to money for expenses.

According to Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins, it is difficult to compare a commissioner-type system like the fiscal court to a larger, council-type format.

"Their duties are not the same as the city council," Elkins said. "It would be hard for me to compare the two jobs."

As far as the size of the council is concerned, Gene Stinchcomb, senior research analyst for the Kentucky League of Cities, said at one time councils in Kentucky were required by law to have 12 members. That changed in 1980, but a council still may have no more than 12 members and no fewer than six.

"The majority of communities have six," Stinchcomb said. "The 12 is a carryover, probably from 20 years ago when the statute was

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Tops in Trees



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo
READY FOR SALE ... Kiwanis Club of Murray's Bill Call takes a tree from fellow Kiwanian Jacquie Watson as they set up their display of Christmas trees for the fourth annual Kiwanis Christmas Tree Sale. The sale is being held between Arby's and Boone's Coin Laundry off North 12th Street. Sales started Saturday and will continue this week from noon-7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and will run until Dec. 22.

Fletcher picks former McConnell aide for '03

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher announced today his running mate for the 2003 Kentucky governor's race will be Hunter Bates, former campaign manager and chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Bates, a native of Williamsburg, Ky., is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and holds a law degree from Harvard.

Fletcher, who announced in June his exploratory committee for the 2003 governor's race, made the announcement at a morning news conference at the Capitol. He was scheduled to make the same announcement at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and at Campbellsville University today.

Fletcher, 49, who represents the state's 6th District that includes the capital city of Frankfort, was first elected to the U.S. House in 1998. Last month he was re-elected with nearly 72 percent of the vote as he did not draw a Democratic opponent.

The selection of Bates to run for lieutenant governor with Fletcher amounted to a sudden turnaround of Bates' political plans. McConnell had already endorsed him for the Republican nomination for 4th District congressman in 2004.

Republicans who have already formed exploratory committees include Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson and state Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow, son of Kentucky's last Republican governor, State Sen. Virgil Moore of Leitchfield and educator Bert Minton of Somerset are also in the field.

Home heating bills likely higher this winter

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Natural gas prices that are likely to be somewhat higher than last year and a return to more typical temperatures will combine to push home heating bills this winter to levels above those seen a year ago, the Kentucky Public Service Commission says.

But natural gas prices are not expected to approach the record levels seen during the 2000-2001 heating season, the PSC says.

"Last winter was abnormally warm," PSC Executive Director Tom Dorman said. "We're expecting more typical winter weather this year and a modest seasonal increase

in natural gas prices. That is likely to lead to bills that are higher than last winter, but considerably lower than what we experienced two winters ago."

The PSC recently met with officials of Kentucky's major regulated gas companies to discuss natural gas price forecasts for the coming month. Based on current data, it appears that natural gas prices this winter will be 5 to 20 percent higher than at the same time a year ago. Cost increases seen by consumers will vary among utility companies.

Kentucky consumers can take a number of steps to soften the impact

of higher gas bills during the winter heating season. They include:

• Budget billing: Many utilities offer customers this option, which is also known as an even-payment plan. It allows customers to pay the same amount each month, based on their average monthly usage over the course of a year. Budgeting is easier with a predictable bill and without the nasty surprises of high winter heating bills. Customers should contact their utility for more information.

• Energy conservation measures: Simple steps such as turning down thermostats on furnaces (most peo-

ple are comfortable at 68 degrees) and water heaters (120 degrees is hot enough for nearly all uses) can be big energy savers.

• Energy audits: Many local utilities offer home energy audits at little or no cost to consumers. These audits can identify energy-wasting trouble spots and provide information on how to correct the problems.

• Weatherization: Sealing out cold air can make a big difference in heating costs. Windows and doors are among the biggest energy wasters in a typical home.

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Heath shooting victims continue to heal

By The Associated Press
PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — As Hollon Holm stood in the checkout line at a Wal-Mart last year, the sound of bursting balloons brought back a flood of memories.

"I felt all the color just drain from my face," said Holm, who was wounded by a bullet that grazed his head five years ago Sunday when Michael Carneal, a 14-year-old student, opened fire on a prayer group at Heath High School.

"I don't think that feeling will ever leave."

The attack, which killed three students and wounded five, has left physical and emotional scars on everyone

who was a part of it: survivors, the families of those killed and others who simply witnessed the carnage.

It altered careers, fractured relationships and changed — for a while, at least — how people in western Kentucky and throughout the state feel about school security.

For former principal Bill Bond, the attack has meant years of questioning what he could have done differently to save lives. It also meant a new career. He now advises schools on safety issues.

For Missy Jenkins, who was paralyzed from the waist down when a bullet severed her spinal cord, it

means she walks only in her dreams.

For Sabrina Steger, whose daughter Kayce was killed, it has meant the end of her marriage as she and her husband dealt with their grief in different ways.

For Holm, whose injuries were superficial, it has meant a struggle so solitary that only recently has he been able to talk openly about it.

"I cried that day, but I remember not crying for the whole year following that," Holm said.

And for Carneal, the attacker who now sits in a psychiatric ward at Kentucky State

Reformatory in LaGrange, it means knowing every day that his actions caused so much pain. Carneal was sentenced to life without parole for 25 years after pleading guilty but mentally ill.

"I can't change anything that happened, by dying or anything else," Carneal, inmate No. 151121, told The Courier-Journal in September. "I wish I could change things but I can't."

People in McCracken County don't talk much about the shooting.

Danny Orazine, the county's judge-executive, said most people probably knew someone who was affected by the attack.

Orazine, a Heath High graduate, said many wish the stigma would go away — and to some degree it has.

"It used to be when I went someplace, they'd say, 'Oh, you're from where they had the shooting,'" Orazine said. "I hardly ever hear that anymore."

But most everyone knows the story well, Orazine said.

It was the first day back from Thanksgiving break. Carneal, who had stolen a cache of weapons from the father of a friend, brought the guns to school that

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PAM SPALDING/AP Photo
STILL HEALING ... Missy Jenkins watches a taped television interview with Michael Carneal while in her apartment, Nov. 21. Carneal, a 14-year-old student, opened fire on a prayer group five years ago Dec. 1, at Heath High School. The attack killed three students and wounded five. Jenkins was paralyzed from the waist down.

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Report: Israel's army chief advocates ousting Arafat

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli media reported today that Israel's army chief advocated the ousting of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, and said most Israeli settlements would eventually have to be evacuated. Military officials quickly denied the reports.

In continuing violence, two Palestinians were killed Monday, one in an attempted attack on an Israeli settlement in Gaza and another during clashes with army troops in the West Bank town of Jenin.

According to the Haaretz daily and Israel Radio, army chief of staff Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon said Arafat should be replaced. Yaalon made the remarks in Washington in a closed-door address at the Institute for Near East Policy, according to the reports.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet has held multiple debates on exiling Arafat, but has so far refrained from taking any such action.

Yaalon also said that Israelis and Palestinians know that "at the end of the day most of the settlements will be evacuated," Haaretz reported. More than 200,000 Israelis live in about 150 settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

Yaalon on Monday denied the

report, calling it a "total misrepresentation of what I said."

Yaalon sought to clarify his position Monday, saying that before the Palestinian uprising began in September 2000, Palestinian officials knew there was a "willingness to dismantle most of the settlements," but despite that, no agreement was reached.

In his remarks in Washington, Yaalon also criticized U.S. policy in the Mideast, according to Haaretz. He said U.S. pressure on Israel to end a September siege on Arafat's Ramallah compound contradicted statements by President Bush, who has called for a new Palestinian leadership.

Yaalon said the U.S. pressure on Israel to back down had strengthened Arafat and weakened the stance of those calling for reform within the Palestinian Authority, Haaretz reported.

Arafat, speaking from his compound in Ramallah, accused Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz of pushing for stepped up military operations against the Palestinians. "There is a plan declared by Mofaz, which he has already started to implement as you see, with escalations every day," Arafat said.

Meanwhile, in Gaza, a



AP Photo

RETALIATION ... Palestinians throw projectiles at an Israeli army armored personnel carrier during clashes in the West Bank town of Jenin today. Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian teenager and injured 23 others in Jenin today, when hundreds of students began throwing stones at eight Israeli armored vehicles that surrounded a building in town during an arrest raid.

Palestinian gunman disguised in Israeli army uniform opened fire on a military outpost near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim, before being shot dead by troops, said bat-

alion commander Lt. Col. Tal Hermoni.

Hermoni said the gunman was carrying an assault rifle, a large amount of ammunition, and eight grenades, but was gunned down within a minute after he began shooting. The militant Islamic Jihad took responsibility for the attack.

In Jenin, Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian teenager and injured 23 others, two seriously, when hundreds of students began throwing stones at eight Israeli armored vehicles that entered the town, witnesses said.

Palestinian hospital officials said Motez Odeh, 16, was killed.

■ Heating ...

From Front

Windows, particularly those without insulated glass, can be covered with plastic. Doors should have adequate weather-stripping. Caulk or weather-strip gaps around window and door frames. Insulating gaskets for electrical switches and outlets on outside walls also can help reduce heating bills. Crawl space vents should be closed in winter. Cover window air conditioning units in the winter.

Assistance available for low-income residents

Kentucky has programs to assist low-income residents with their heating bills. The principal program is the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP.

LIHEAP provides two kinds of assistance to low-income residents — a subsidy to help them pay monthly heating bills, or an emergency grant to prevent their heat from being turned off. Applications for the subsidy are accepted through Dec. 13. The crisis program runs Jan. 6-March 15, or until available funds are obligated.

LIHEAP is administered through local Community Action Agencies in each of Kentucky's 120 counties.

Applications for assistance must be made through the local offices.

Weatherization programs for low-income families also are available in Kentucky. Many local utilities offer weatherization assistance. A state program is administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and uses local agencies to provide weatherization assistance. Many local utilities also offer weatherization assistance.

Information sources

For general information about cutting heating costs, utility issues or for assistance with resolving consumer disputes with utilities, contact the PSC by calling 800-772-4636 or go to the PSC Web site at: <http://www.psc.state.ky.us/sitemap.htm#CI>.

For LIHEAP information, including how to contact your local Community Action Agency, call 800-456-3452 or go to: <http://cfc.state.ky.us/faq/Heating%20assistance.asp>.

For information on weatherization assistance, call (502) 564-7536, Ext. 146, or go to: <http://cfc.state.ky.us/help/weatherization.asp>.

■ Heath ...

From Front

morning, wrapping several long guns in a blanket and telling his sis-

ter and teachers the bundle was a prop for an English project.

He had warned some students

that something big was going to happen that day, but didn't say what. As the prayer circle ended, he opened fire with a .22-caliber handgun, not aiming at anyone in particular.

Jenkins said 14-year-old Nicole Hadley was the first to be shot, hit in the forehead. There were a few more single shots, and then a flurry.

"It was like he figured out that if he just held down on the trigger, the gun would keep firing," said Jenkins, who froze, unsure whether it was real or a wild practical joke.

In the flurry, Jenkins was hit in her chest. Her spinal cord was severed.

Holm was walking away from the group when the shooting began. He doesn't recall what happened next — only regaining his senses after a bullet grazed his right temple to see Carneal laying the gun on the ground.

"If the bullet had been one inch to the left, I wouldn't be talking to you today," he said. "But it's what I saw after I was shot that bothers me most ... seeing the people on the floor."

Bond heard the shots and bolted from his office. He moved toward Carneal, using a ceiling support col-

umn as a shield. When he got within a few feet, Carneal put the gun on the floor.

"I looked at him and he just had this glazed look in his eyes," Bond said. "When I got the gun, I told him to go to the office and sit down. He didn't react any more than if I had caught him smoking in the boys' room."

In the aftermath, Steger, Hadley and Jessica James lay dying on the floor. Jenkins, Holm, Craig Keene, Kelly Hard and Shelly Schaberg were bleeding from their wounds.

Carneal says he killed, in part, because he had been bullied and mocked, a common claim in school shootings.

Jenkins has responded by using her story to put a human face to what happens when there is gun violence in schools.

"I am the best person to show what violence can do," said Jenkins, who is studying at Murray State University to be a social worker. The shooting "has kind of given me a purpose for what I want to do for the rest of my life," she said.

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Not your father's tobacco auction

By BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press Writer
CYNTHIANA, Ky. (AP) — Hoping to breathe life into a venerable but waning tradition, an organization known for buying up unwanted tobacco has gone directly into auctions.

But the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative's new marketing center is not your father's auction house.

For starters, auctioneer and buyers don't stroll down long rows of baled or hand-tied tobacco in the autumn chill. They wait in a temperature-controlled room as a conveyor belt brings the bulky bundles to them. Weight and moisture content for each bale are flashed on computer screens.

The co-op hopes its modern approach will offset the trend of farmers bypassing the warehouses and selling directly to tobacco companies.

Contracting has sent the auction system into a tailspin. If auctions die, so could the federal tobacco program, which guarantees a minimum price for farmers.

"I don't know if it's a Hail Mary pass, but we're definitely in the fourth quarter and the clock's running down," said Scott Althaus, the co-op's vice president of leaf.

The curious gathered alongside the buyers and sellers on the opening sales day at the co-op warehouse in mid-November. But there were still bugs to be worked out.

The sale day stretched for hours as tobacco bales lumbered along on



BRECK SMITHER/AP Photo

WHAT'S MY BID ... Buyers bid on tobacco at the new Burley Co-op Marketing Center in Cynthiana, Ky. The co-op hopes its modern approach will offset the trend of farmers bypassing the warehouses and selling directly to tobacco companies.

the conveyor. Chairs were within reach for the auctioneer and buyers in case they became weary of standing.

By the second day, changes had been made to speed the process. Bundled leaf still rode the conveyor for weighing and moisture testing, but the sale reverted to tradition. Auctioneer and buyers once again took to the warehouse floor, walking past rows of burley as buyers motioned their bids.

The co-op spent \$1.2 million to buy the warehouse and \$500,000 more to renovate and equip it, raising some eyebrows in the process.

The co-op has long been the buyer of last resort for tobacco at auction. The leaf is placed in the co-

op's reserve pool. The tobacco is bought with government loans repaid when the co-op sells surplus stocks. The co-op has acquired large shares of this year's crop at auction.

The cooperative became a tobacco seller to give farmers an alternative to contracting and help preserve the tobacco program, Althaus said.

Contract sales, which took root two years ago when tobacco giant Philip Morris signed up farmers, have spread quickly and threaten to kill off the few dozen tobacco warehouses still in business.

About three-quarters of this year's burley crop was designated for contract sales. Two years ago, contracting took about one-fourth. The co-op's new business ven-

ture has stirred resentment among some warehouse operators who see it as another competitor. Like Philip Morris and the other companies, the co-op does not charge a warehouse fee, instead absorbing the operating costs.

Ben Crain, president of the Burley Marketing Association, said he had no problem with the co-op looking for innovations to bolster auction sales. Crain said he hopes the co-op and warehouse operators can forge a partnership in which private warehouses offer the auctions.

Farmers have pledged 3.3 million pounds for sale at the co-op center, though the actual amount will likely be smaller because a summer drought cut yields.

Small-company cigarette makers pay \$270,000 in fines

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Five companies that make cigarettes under offbeat brands have paid just over \$272,000 to settle lawsuits by the state, according to figures from the attorney general's office.

The companies were sued under a Kentucky law requiring tobacco manufacturers to set aside money for payment of smoking-related health claims.

The largest manufacturers agreed to pay billions for health claims under a "master settlement agreement" with the states in 1998. Kentucky and other states then passed laws to force other manufacturers to join in the settlement or set up escrow accounts in states in which they sell cigarettes.

In the actions announced this week, the largest payment —

\$245,000 — was by Sun Tobacco Co., maker of GT-One, Bronco and Cowboys brands.

ITW Manufacturing, whose brand is Marathon, paid \$25,140. Dosal Tobacco, whose brand is

DTC, paid \$2,000. Patriot Tobacco and Cigtec Tobacco each paid \$100.

Patriot makes New York, New York and Patriot brands. Cigtec's brand is CT.

Anthem ending doctor referral requirement for some members

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Beginning next year, health insurer Anthem Inc. will no longer require many of its members in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio to get approval from their family doctor before seeing a specialist.

Anthem began notifying doctors and members of the change, which affects 390,000 Anthem members in the three states enrolled in health maintenance organizations or point-of-service plans with an HMO component.

The no-referral provision already is in place for the bulk of Anthem members in its preferred provider plans.

Anthem said the switch for its managed-care customers should reduce paperwork and please customers.

"They wanted health care plans to be just easier to use," said Keith Fuller, president of the Midwest division at Anthem, the Indianapolis-based Blue Cross and Blue Shield licensee in nine states. The change is in line with a trend

among health insurers to loosen oversight of their members' health care. Referral requirements were widely adopted in the late 1980s as a way for health care plans to curb unnecessary doctor visits.

Anthem's managed-care members each annually see one to two specialists a year, which requires Anthem's approval every time. Typically, a patient's family doctor or staff calls or faxes Anthem to obtain the approval to send the patient to a specialist.

Dropping that requirement "eliminates another transaction at the physician's office and another transaction on Anthem's side," Fuller said.

Patients still will be required to see specialists who are part of Anthem's doctor network if they want care to be covered under their policies, Anthem said. Anthem will monitor the use of specialists among primary-care physicians and will "counsel" doctors who seem to be sending patients to specialists unnecessarily, Fuller said.

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Monday, December 2, 2002

Polite affairs

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The legislative elections are over, so it's time for the real campaigning to start.



Capitol Ideas
By Mark Chellgren
AP Writer

Leadership races for the General Assembly are not usually the stuff that grabs public attention. There are no snappy television commercials, no public mudslinging. Instead, they are often quiet, usually collegial affairs, determined often by personality and geography as much as political philosophy. Yet they are also often underestimated about their importance in determining the outcome and certainly the tone of public policy debate.

There can be no doubt, for example, that the Democratic face in the state Senate will be different with Ed Worley of Richmond as floor leader, who just won his second, four-year term; than the voice that represented Democrats for so long, David Karem of Louisville and his 30 years in the legislature.

To that end, the most prominent voices appear certain to remain the same in the House and Senate.

House Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green and Democratic floor leader Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg, who speak for the overwhelming Democratic majority in the House, do not appear to be facing a challenge when the organizational session begins Jan. 7.

In the Senate, President David Williams of Burkesville and floor leader Dan Kelly of Springfield are not going to be challenged from within their own caucus.

Those are the people who largely set the tenor for legislative debate between the chambers. But leadership also has an important role in what actually happens — choosing committee chairmen who hold life and death power over bills, setting the agendas for legislation to be taken up in their respective chambers. They are more than first among equals.

Further down the leadership ladders, there could be some changes afoot.

Among Senate Republicans, there could be some polite dissatisfaction with the other three members of their leadership — President Pro Tem Dick Roeding of Lakeside Park, Caucus Chairman Charlie Borders of Grayson and Whip Elizabeth Tori of Radcliff.

Borders and Tori needed some help from the party in raising money for their own races this year, contrary to the school of thought that leadership should be out raising money for others in the party and well able to take care of themselves.

"Everybody's kind of feeling around right now to see what kind of

satisfaction or dissatisfaction there is," said Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, who is not among those potential new members of leadership.

Stivers said there are no personal clashes, just cases of people looking after their own political career moves or interested in taking on different tasks.

Among those mentioned as possible contestants are Bob Leeper of Paducah, Dan Seum of Louisville and Katie Stine of Fort Thomas.

Stine was careful to say she was not pursuing a leadership position, but said she would be available if a something opened up. "In terms of me trying to win people's votes, I have not done that," Stine said.

Stine said Republicans will be careful to avoid any divisiveness among a caucus that has enjoyed historic success for its party and will hold a record 21 of 38 seats when the session convenes.

And that is the point made by Roeding. "If it's working, why try to fix it?" he said.

Senate Democrats, trying to adjust to their continued minority status for another two years, have already made their switches, eschewing the pretense of doing so in a public setting. Shortly after the election, they met at a Lexington hotel and chose Worley, Bob Jackson of Murray as whip and Johnny Ray Turner Drift as caucus chairman.

There is a backlog of legislators, especially in the House, who would like to be in leadership spots, but have had to bide their time. Among Democrats, the current crop has been in place for eight years.

Moving time is likely to arrive in 2004, after the statewide electoral fates of incumbent Richards and Stumbo are decided. Richards is running for governor next year and Stumbo is running for attorney general.

Before then, incumbent Democratic Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan of Wilder is having his reelection contested by Charles Geveden of Wickliffe in a largely geographic contest. Northern Kentucky, though a populous and growing area, is also losing clout to Republicans and Richards is the western-most Democrat in leadership. Not many people who live in the Jackson Purchase even consider Bowling Green part of western Kentucky.

Within Jefferson County, there is a contest between incumbent Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark and Mary Lou Marzian.

Among Republicans, there are at least three House members trying to succeed Woody Allen as whip — Ron Crimm of Louisville, Ken Upchurch of Monticello and Stan Lee of Lexington. Marie Rader of McKee also could become a factor in that race.

Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort, Ky., correspondent for The Associated Press.



Life after the governor's office

TV, lobbying, RVs & of course, politics

By ROBERT TANNER
AP National Writer

What comes next after you've turned words into law with your signature, overseen budgets of hundreds of millions of dollars a year, and fought with lawmakers, editorial writers and interest groups?

For a record 24 governors leaving office, the choices are many. One is already running for president. A few are becoming lobbyists, wielding their clout for cash. Less-traveled paths beckon, too — hosting a TV show, climbing Mount Everest, sailing around the country in an RV.

And don't sell retirement short. "I'll tell you one thing, I'm not going to ever run for office again," said term-limited Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist, a Republican who after eight years aims to retire to his mountain home. "It's going to be Martha-time. That's my wife."

Most of the soon-to-be-former governors — 14 — were barred by law from seeking another term. Six chose not to run. And voters decided to oust four.

In South Dakota, four-term Gov. Bill Janklow is headed to Congress. New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen's run for the Senate failed, so her immediate plan is to be with her daughter when her third grandchild is born next month.

After reaching the pinnacle of Vermont politics, Gov. Howard Dean is aiming higher — to the presidency. The Democrat has already made dozens of visits to early presidential primary states such as New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina. His 11 years running Vermont is a big selling point for his presidential campaign.

"You can really make an important difference in people's lives," said Dean, who also is a physician. "I don't get all the credit — there's the legislature, the policy people — but I'm the one that makes it happen."

After years of wielding power, at least two governors are taking lucrative jobs as lobbyists to try and influence the powerful.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, who earned \$101,000 this past year, will become CEO and president of the American Council of Life Insurers, a Washington-based lobbying organization.

Neither the council nor Keating's office would say how much he'll earn, but the council's former president — and former South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell — had a \$1 million salary.

Keating will also continue his public service. The Republican was chosen by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops to lead the National Review Board, a group charged with ensuring dioceses are meeting new disciplinary standards after a year of sex abuse scandals.

Kansas's GOP Gov. Bill Graves is also becoming a lobbyist, taking a job as president of the Washington-based American Trucking Association.

Whether President Bush taps any GOP governors for his administration, as he did when he took office, has yet to be seen. Michigan Gov. John Engler, Graves, Keating and Arizona Gov. Jane Hull all are rumored to be possibilities, said Norm Ornstein at the American Enterprise

Institute in Washington.

Some governors aren't saying now what they plan to do, including all four governors who lost bids for re-election — Democrats Don Siegelman of Alabama, Roy Barnes of Georgia, Jim Hodges of South Carolina, and Republican Scott McCallum of Wisconsin.

Others are weighing their choices. Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Almond plans on relaxing and tinkering at home while Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano looks forward to gardening.

New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson hopes to climb Mount Everest in the spring, and then start a foundation aiming to end the war against drugs.

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening has talked about working on environmental issues, Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer aims to go into business and technology, and Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, a doctor, wants to help shape national policy on health care and prescription drugs.

The nation's two independent governors — Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura and Maine Gov. Angus King — are continuing to follow their independent ways.

Ventura, a former professional wrestler, has been in discussions with MSNBC to host a TV show. He has put off any announcement until his term ends, but has warned reporters he'll be "more dangerous" to them in his new job.

King, on the other hand, has mapped out a vastly different plan — with pins on a large map in his living room. He and his wife bought a 40-foot mobile home and are planning a six-month tour of the country, homeschooling their two children along the way.

After that, King's not sure what comes next. The former businessman might teach, he might go back into business, he might write. "My wife says whatever I do, it won't involve a coat and tie."

Pollsters face growing obstacles

Washington Today

By WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rapid growth of cell phones, caller-ID technology and answering machines, combined with the public's growing resistance to opinion surveys, are making it more difficult for pollsters to do their jobs.

Most agree, however, that those forces have not crippled telephone polls. And the industry is unlikely to abandon phone surveys without something more reliable to take their place.

"I think that polls face increasing obstacles and barriers," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & The Press. "But polls done with reasonable schedules and reasonable rigor can still overcome these barriers."

The Pew Research Center has conducted research in the past that tested whether polls conducted over several days would get results similar to exhaustive surveys taken over several months. The study found no significant differences in the results, but the center plans to do a similar study this spring.

Increasing obstacles to phone polling are less likely to affect national polls done by top polling firms that follow accepted practices

of selecting a random sample and doing a thorough follow-up to reach everyone possible.

The more immediate effect is on state polls done with smaller samples on a smaller budget, sometimes by polling companies not familiar with state demographics and voting patterns.

Some polls taken just before this year's midterm election picked up a voter surge toward Republicans in several Senate races following President Bush's barnstorming campaign tour, while others missed that surge.

Pollsters and analysts faced the additional challenge of an unprecedented combination of anxieties about terrorism, the economy and a possible war with Iraq.

National polls in the extraordinarily close 2000 presidential race were generally quite accurate.

Those in the polling business are constantly researching what's happening to their industry, which plays a critical role in both the political debate and marketing strategies.

Georgia State researcher Charlotte Steeh is working to gauge the growing impact of cell phones, which pollsters find are more difficult to contact and are gradually becoming the main phone some peo-

ple use for personal communications.

"I think we're missing identifiable demographic groups like young people in urban areas who just don't have landlines anymore," Steeh said. "My research is designed to determine the extent of people we're missing altogether."

Researchers believe less than 5 percent of households use only a cell phone, although the number is higher among certain groups like young urban adults. The overall number using only cell phones is likely to grow, so researchers are looking for ways to cope with the changes.

People also are growing more reluctant to participate in polls, something the industry has been noticing for more than a decade.

Michael Traugott, a public opinion researcher at the University of Michigan, says that reluctance can be traced to people being too busy and having a lack of interest in politics.

He says increasing activity by telemarketers, who occasionally disguise their sales calls as legitimate polling, could increase that public resistance. Dozens of states are looking at laws that would allow people to shield themselves from telemarketing, but it's unclear what impact that would have on legitimate public opinion research.

"The biggest issue is not the law as it is, but the public blurring the

difference between (legitimate polling) and telemarketing," said Linda Piekarski, an executive at Survey Sampling Inc., a Connecticut company that provides phone samples to polling companies.

People underestimate the influence they gain through polls and the surveys are "increasingly being viewed as nuisances or invasions of privacy," said Peter Tuckel, a researcher at Hunter College in New York.

Pollsters need to do a better job of burnishing their own image, Tuckel said.

"Americans are losing sight of the critical role that polls can play in a democratic, consumer-oriented society such as ours," he said.

The public opinion industry is likely to look for new methods, possibly used in tandem, such as Web-based surveys along with telephone polls, some suggest.

Pollsters are also trying to figure out whether telephone surveys, currently the most reliable and affordable method, will eventually become obsolete.

"That," said Tuckel, "is the million dollar question."

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Deaths

Dr. Sandra Joanne Flynn



Flynn

Dr. Sandra Joanne Flynn, 58, Murray, a former resident of Manhattan, Kan., died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at Mercy Regional Medical Center, Manhattan. She was in Manhattan visiting relatives during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dr. Flynn was currently a member of the College of Education Computing Oversight Committee, Coordinator of Murray State University/University of Memphis Joint Doctoral Program, Educational Leadership Constituent County, Director of the Center for Leadership and Policy Development-Murray State and Co-Director of the Oxford International Round Table for Superintendency and the Principals, and was an author and presenter at numerous educational workshops.

At the time of her death, Dr. Flynn was adjunct professor at the University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn., and associate Provost and associate professor in Education Leadership at Murray State University, Murray.

"We are all saddened by this great loss," said MSU President Dr. F. King Alexander. "Professor Flynn was a tremendous asset to the university and students and public school children everywhere. She will be deeply missed by all."

In 1966 she received her bachelor of science degree in secondary education and biological sciences from Kansas State University and a master's degree in education from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif., in 1976. She later did post graduate studies at several universities before obtaining her Ph.D. Degree in Education Administration from KSU in 1985.

Dr. Flynn's career in education includes being a classroom teacher in Kansas, Arizona and California; assistant superintendent at Circle USD #375, Towanda, Kan. 1979-1983; superintendent of schools, Ell-Saline #307, Salina 1984-1987; superintendent-Laurel Bay School District, Beaufort, S.C., 1998-1999; and superintendent of schools, Piper USD #203, Kansas City, Kan. 1991-1997.

She served as adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort, S.C., 1987-1990; Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan., 1992-1993; and the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan., 1992-1996. She also served as an assistant professor at Kansas State University, Manhattan 1986; Armstrong State College, Savannah, Ga., 1987-1988; and Louisiana State University, Shreveport, La., 1990-1991.

Her professional distinctions include Outstanding Administrator Achievement Award for Kansas 1997, Professional Achievement Award, Kansas School Public Relations Association 1996; Executive Educator of the Month-June 1996; Outstanding Kansas Rural Administrator 1986; KAEOP Administrator of the Year in Kansas 1994; and Kansas Master Teacher of the Year 1987.

Her professional memberships and activities are numerous, but include American Association of School Administrators, Kansas Association of School Administrators, Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals, NEA, Kansas Career Education Consortium, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi.

Community activities included vice-president of the Kansas City, Kan., Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and Founder of Leadership 2020 in Wyandotte County, Kan., United Way Volunteer, American Cancer Society, Manhattan Chapter No. 209 of Order of the Eastern Star, and the St. John's Episcopal Church and Chapter M of P.E.O. Sisterhood, both of Murray.

She was born Sept. 5, 1944 at Princeton, N.J., the daughter of Henry V. Beck and Jeanne (Stephenson) Beck. She moved with her family to Manhattan as a small child in 1946, where she grew up attending the local schools and was a 1962 graduate of Manhattan High School.

Survivors include her husband, Richard F. Flynn, to whom she was married Dec. 14, 1996, in Manhattan; one daughter, Amy Peoples, Shawnee, Kan.; three stepsons, Ryan Flynn, New Orleans, La., Channing Flynn, San Jose, Calif., and Erik Flynn, Perth, Australia; two step daughters, Lisa Clark, Wilmington, N.C., and Stephanie Holderman, Grand Junction, Colo.; her mother, Mrs. Jeanne Beck, Manhattan; one brother, Steven Beck, Longmont, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be today (Monday) at the First United Methodist Church, Manhattan with the Rev. Jim Reed officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society and left in care of the Irvin Parkview Funeral Home, 1317 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

Mrs. Gwen Nevada Collins

Mrs. Gwen Nevada Collins, 65, Benton, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at 11:13 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

One son, Jaydee Collins, preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late D.D. Upshaw and Winters Lorraine Clifton Upshaw.

Survivors include her husband, J.C. Collins; one daughter, Mrs. Melody Lynn Arnold, Aurora; one son, Wendell Van Collins, Hazel; five grandchildren.

No visitation or funeral services are scheduled. Mrs. Collins' body was donated for the purposes of medical education to the Indiana School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind.

Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home, Benton, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Nellie Ruth Jones Caldwell

Mrs. Nellie Ruth Jones Caldwell, 84, Arlington Heights, Ill., formerly of Dudley Drive, Murray, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at 6:25 a.m. at the Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights.

A retired teacher of more than 20 years of the Murray City Schools, she had also taught for two years at Paschall School in Calloway County. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Murray, where she was a member of the Dorcas Sunday School Class and Lottie Moon Group of WMU, and a former member of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club. She was a graduate of Murray State College.

Her husband, Codie Lee Caldwell, died Aug. 15, 1997. Born Aug. 21, 1918, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Alvis Jones and Anna Pearl Erwin Jones. Also preceding her in death were one sister, Louise Miller, and two brothers, Carlos Jones and Alvis E. Jones.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Leah Beckwith and husband, Paul, one granddaughter, Mrs. Angela Maguire and husband, Gerald, and two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Maguire and James Maguire, all of Oak Park, Ill.; one grandson, Chris Beckwith, Carbondale, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Mayelle Clark and husband, Fred, Murray; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn D. Jones, Murray, and Mrs. Ruby Mae Jones, War Trace, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Murray. The Rev. Terry Garvin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home, Murray, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Bobbie Burks

Mrs. Bobbie Burks, 82, Paducah, formerly of Murray, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at 10:50 a.m. at Morningside Retirement Home, Paducah.

Her husband, Paul Burks, died March 16, 1990. Born Nov. 1, 1920, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Wilson Farley and Eva Lawson Farley.

Mrs. Burks was a member of Lone Oak Church of Christ. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Paula Wesson and husband, Jack, Dyersburg, Tenn.; one son, Phillip Burks and wife, Patricia, Lowes; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Parker and husband, J.P. Murray, and Mrs. JoAnnette Urton, Durant, Okla.; one brother, Max Farley and wife, Jo, Murray; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. John Dale will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Monday).

Mrs. Gladys Louise Lawrence

Mrs. Gladys Louise Lawrence, 70, Murray, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at Henry County Healthcare Center, Paris, Tenn.

She was married July 18, 1949, to Emmett Lawrence, who died May 13, 1980. Born May 1, 1932, in Blackrock, Ark., she was the daughter of the late William Stinson and Francis Darris Stinson.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Sharon Paul and husband, Jim, Lombard, Ill., Mrs. Vickie Kight and husband, Mike, Carol Stream, Ill., and Mrs. Paula Elliott and husband, David, Murray; one son, Richard Lawrence and wife, Laurie, Bloomington, Ill.; one brother, William, (Billy) Stinson, Bensenville, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, Nicole Puha, Robert Kight, Rochelle Rosenkoetter, Ashley Lawrence, Deana Lawrence, Jimmy Paul, Jamie Paul, Brian Paul, William Elliott and Roxcee Elliott; five great-grandchildren, Catlin and Leah Puha, Madison Kight, and David and Sarah Rosenkoetter.

The funeral was today (Monday) at 10 a.m. in the LeDon Chapel of Ridgeway Funeral Home, Paris, Tenn.

Pallbearers were Tom Stinson, Brian Paul, Jimmy Paul, David Rosenkoetter, David Elliott and Mike Kight. Burial was in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens, Paris, Tenn.

Raymond John Sobieski

Raymond John Sobieski, 88, Champaign, Ill., formerly of Murray, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, Ill.

He was married Feb. 28, 1937, in Decatur, Ill., to the former Dorothy Mae Wardell, who died Sept. 23, 1999. Born Sept. 16, 1914, in Decatur, Ill., he was the son of the late Leo Sobieski and Anna Prell Sobieski. Two sisters and one brother also preceded him in death.

A retired insurance business executive, he was a former member of the Elks Club, an avid fisherman and gardener and enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Mary Margaret Bolton, Champaign, Ill.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of Morgan Memorial Home, 1304 Regency Dr. West, Savoy, IL 61874. The Rev. Fr. George Remon will officiate. Burial will follow in Prairieview Cemetery, Savoy, Ill.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Champaign County Humane Society.

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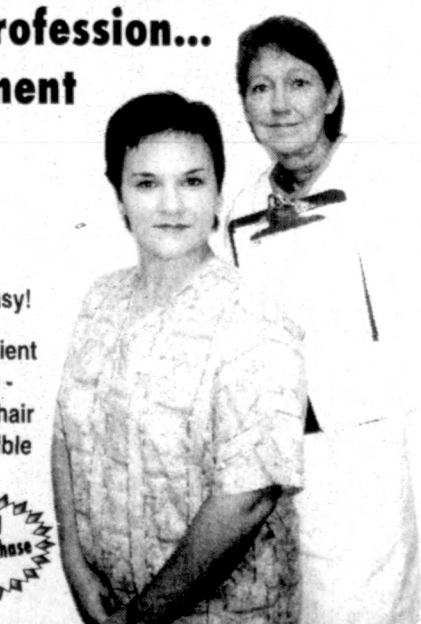
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Pallbearers will be Jimmy Bell, Brooks Oswalt, Eddie Clyde Hale, Bill Stenson, Billy Joe Outland, Jerry Brantley and Hillis Farris.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, but no visitation will be scheduled.

Mr. Davis, 81, Irvin Cobb Road, Murray, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at 11:55 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A retired tool maker, he was a Navy veteran of World War II and attended Elm Grove Baptist Church.

Born Sept. 22, 1921, in Broadview, Ill., he was the son of the late William David Davis and Emma Martha Brown Davis. Also preceding him in death were three sisters, Ethel Dewolf, Dorothy Young and Jessie Wegner.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lorraine L. Davis, to whom he was married April 29, 1946; one sister, Mrs. Mary Rose and husband, Franklyn, Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Marian Bucklew, Montgomery, Ill.; several nieces and nephews.

Derril Ted King

The funeral for Derril Ted King was Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Don Wilson and the Rev. William J. Sullivan officiated. Burial was in Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Expressions may be made to Gideons, P.O. Box 206, Benton, KY 42025.

Mr. King, 85, 20th Street, Benton, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at Marshall County Hospital, Benton.

Before his retirement, he had owned and operated King Brothers Grocery since 1950. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Benton, and a Navy veteran.

Born Oct. 9, 1917, he was the son of the late Otto King and Gertrude Eaker King. One brother, Ryan King, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Nell Hickerson King; two daughters, Mrs. Janie King Parker and Mrs. Carol King Holland, both of Nashville, Tenn.; two sons, Ronald King, Benton, and Ted King, Murray; two brothers, Hyman King and Tony King, both of Benton; six grandchildren.

Charles Darrell Russell

Charles Darrell Russell, 48, Pottertown Road, Murray, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at 2 p.m. at his home.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of arrangements.

Gospel music pioneer Howard 'Happy' Goodman dies at 81

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Howard "Happy" Goodman, a pioneering gospel music singer who performed for half a century as leader of the Happy Goodman Family, is dead at age 81.

Goodman died Saturday at Vanderbilt Medical Center. The

cause of death was not disclosed.

The Goodman Family recorded 15 No. 1 gospel music songs and performed more than 3,500 concerts. The Goodman family consisted of Howard "Happy" Goodman, wife Vestal and Johnny Minick.

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Former Murrayan writes poem at international event

Lurline E. Bucy of San Luis Obispo, Calif. won honors for a poem, titled "Let Me Linger," she has written at the International Poetry Convention held at Hollywood, Fla.

She is the daughter of the late Otis L. Eldridge and Lonie Steele Eldridge of Calloway County. Her husband is Laverne Bucy.

The poem is as follows:
Quote from Washington Irvin:
"There is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charms of the living. These we would not exchange for the song of pleasure or the burst of revelry."

LET ME LINGER
"Pinch me, I am alive,
But let me linger
Where people, things and places
Are poignant in my memory,
Scenes and voices no longer there.

See me, I am here,
And let me look at a
Civilization removed,
People uprooted; property laid

low
And the very earth inundated.
Take me... I want to go
To learn and to know,
Because I was a child back when
The government decided to
make lake

Of the great Tennessee Valley.
Remind me, time flies.
The nineteen forties
Was a long time ago in the past.
'There's more water under the
bridge'
Than is in that big Kentucky
Lake.

See, I am old.
But let me go again
To the area of my childhood
For a pleasure cruise
Into a time that was and let me
linger.
Pinch me, I am alive.
But let me linger
Out there on that beautiful lake,
Where down under the
Tennessee River flows,
Deep water ever so slowly on
and on..."

ServiceNews

Buhman and Hodges serving in Marines

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Navy Petty Officer Third Class Brian E. Buhman of Murray and Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Hodges of Benton, recently completed Dynamic Response '02 while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune.

The two men are two of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deployed aboard the ships

of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

After transiting the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean Sea after its month-long operation in Kosovo (Dynamic Response '02), their unit shifted location from the U.S. Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility to that of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. Fifth Fleet in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea Area.

The unit of Buhman and Hodges is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

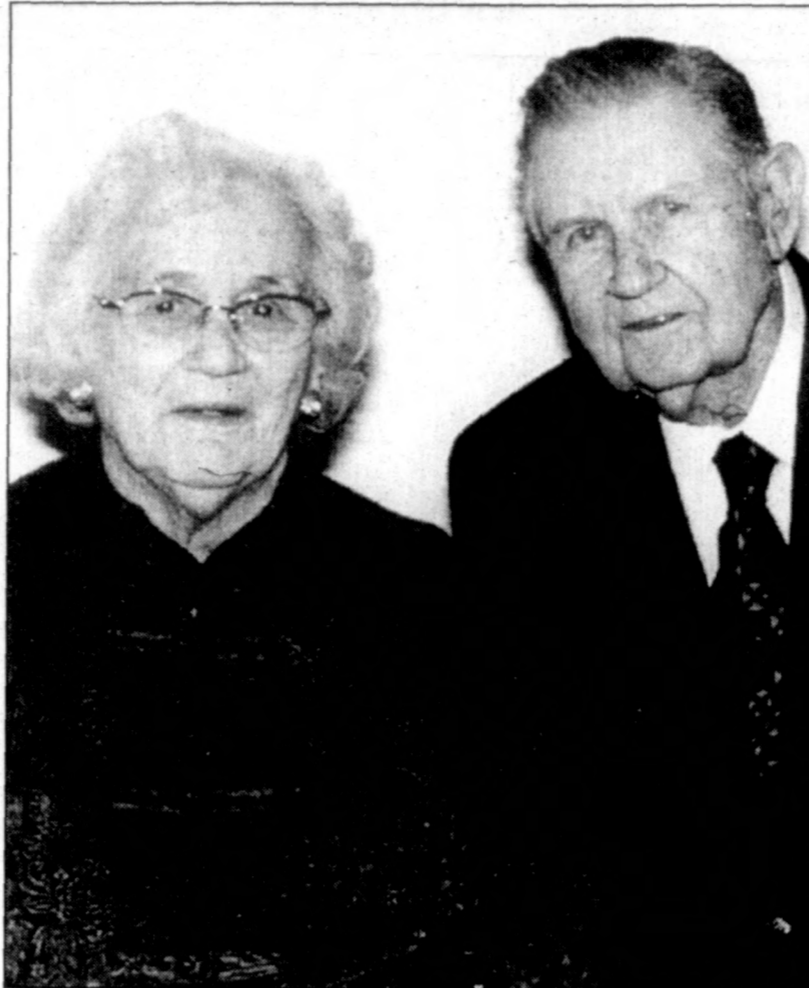
MEUS are composed of more than 2000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

With this combination, the unit supports and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishments or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Buhman, son of Sheila Rogers of Coach Estates, Murray, joined the Navy in August 1998.

Hodges, son of Brenda J. and Jimmie R. Hodges of Phelps Road, Benton, joined the Marine Corps in June 1999. He is a 1999 graduate of Marshall County High School.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carnal

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raymond Carnal of 1500 Coach Estates, E1, Murray, will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002.

A special diamond anniversary dinner for the immediate family and friends will be at Patti's Place at Grand Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carnal were married Dec. 17, 2002, in Henderson. Their attendants were the late Byron Overby and Kuila McClarnery.

Mrs. Carnal, the former Cleo Watson, is the daughter of the late John William Watson and Susie Watson.

Mr. Carnal is the son of the late Warren Lee Carnal and Pearl Carnal. The couple has been active in the farming community of Slaughters for many years. They celebrate a long and happy life together and are members of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, having served in various leadership roles.

Mrs. Carnal is a 60-year member of the Sebree Chapter No. 420 of the Order of the Eastern Star and is the lifetime Chapter Mother. She is a charter member of the Mt. Pleasant Homemakers Club and remained active for 65 years. She is a past president of the Webster County Homemakers Club.

Mr. Carnal is a 50-year member of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was director of Farm Bureau in Webster for many years and served on several local boards.

They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Sue Smith and husband, Richard, Murray, and Mrs. Judy Wood and husband, Buddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carnal have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Center for Wound Management at hospital plans grand opening



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

The Center for Wound Management at Murray-Calloway County Hospital will host a grand opening on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

This will be for potential patients to tour the facility and receive valuable information on how the center can help in the treatment of chronic wounds.

Craig Dowdy M.D., general/vascular surgeon, is the medical director for the facility. He will be on hand to answer questions along with Pam Kondratko, certified wound specialist and physical therapy assistant at MCCH.

A ribbon cutting will be at 4 p.m. at the center, located on the fourth floor of the Medical Arts Building East in Suite 407E. A reception will follow. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information call 762-1547.

CUBS meeting on Wednesday

CUBS will meet Wednesday, Dec. 4, at noon at Glendale Road Church of Christ. Among agenda items will be the Santa Project, Community Calendar and Community directory, the Delta Project and Community of Promise survey. Lunch is provided for \$3 by Comprehensive Family Services and the Murray Ledger & Times provides free drinks. Any agency, church, organization or other entity with a service mission is urged to participate in CUBS.

Doll Club will meet Wednesday

Jackson Purchase Doll Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 4, for a potluck luncheon and Christmas party at the D&D Shoe Factory, right off the court square in downtown Mayfield. For more information call Dorothy Jones at 759-9461 or Katherine Ray at 753-6486.

AARP Chapter to meet Wednesday

Kentucky Lake/Murray Chapter of AARP will meet Wednesday, Dec. 4, at noon at Boulders Cafe. The chapter will meet for lunch and then will have a discussion of the Health and Welfare Festival in October with Patrice Blanchard and Greg DeLancey providing an evaluation of the last festival. All members and interested persons are invited.

Advent service at church

Advent services at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 101 South 15th St., Murray, will start Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:15 p.m. A soup supper will be served beginning at 6 p.m. "Join us for food and fellowship before the worship service," a church member said.

Depression group to meet

Depression Support Group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the MCCH Center for Health & Wellness classroom. For more information call Kathy Culbert RN at 489-2284 or Janie at 753-9015.

Christmas basket sign-up continues

Families in need of Christmas food baskets can still sign up, according to Tonia Casey, executive director of Need Line. The extra dates will be Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Need Line office at 804 Story, Murray, during office hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each family must bring proof of income. Families who have applied for one, but did not bring in proof of income, must do so by Friday, Dec. 6, to receive a basket. For more information call 753-6333.

MMS Council will meet

Murray Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the West Conference Room of Murray Board of Education building. The public is invited to attend, according to Angie Murdock, principal.

Nurse Recruitment event planned

A Nurse Recruitment Open House will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the front lobby of Murray-Calloway County Hospital, and on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the front lobby of West View Nursing Home. A free one hour CE program, "Physical Activity for the Client with Diabetes" will also be offered. All area licensed nurses are especially invited to learn more information about career opportunities and employee and nursing benefits. For more information call Nurse Recruiter Lyn Ryan at 762-1319.

Blood drive at Murray State

A Blood Drive, sponsored by Murray State University Student Government Association and Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center, will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 762-6987.

Kappa meeting Tuesday

Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at the club house. A Chinese Auction will be held. Hostesses will be Sue Allison, Karen Isaacs, Lynda Chaney, Jane Barnett, Sondra Barnett and Cathy Pigg. Further details will be discussed for Kappa Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Kiwanis tree sale starting

The Kiwanis Club of Murray is conducting its annual Christmas tree sale between Arby's and Boone's Laundry on North 12th Street, Murray. The Scotch pine trees, ranging in size from 6 to 8 feet, will be sold starting today, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 1, from noon to 5 p.m. The sales will continue each day next week from noon to 7 p.m. The money raised by the sale of the trees stays in the community to help the children.

Christmas parade entries wanted

Entries for the Murray Rotary Club's 2002 Christmas Parade for Saturday, Dec. 7, will be accepted through today, Dec. 2. Participating units will start the parade line-up at 9 a.m. and the event will begin at 10 a.m. Businesses, clubs, churches, civic organization and bands are the staple units of the "An Old-Fashioned Murray Christmas." No entry fee is charged. To enter contact the Murray-Calloway Chamber of Commerce at 753-5171.

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Ladies of the Oaks Golf

Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will have their fourth fall session of Bridge playing on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 9:15 a.m. at the club house.

The hostess will be Crystal Parks, phone 753-4645.

Bridge was not played on Wednesday, Nov. 27, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All women members of the Oaks Club are encouraged to come out for the next morning Bridge session on Dec. 4.

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Family, government, jazz, and guides are discussed

Hope you survived the turkey. On second thought, you are reading this so I guess, you must have.



Library News

By Ben Graves
Calloway County
Public Library
Director

"The Spirit of the Family," edited by Al and Tipper Gore, is here just in time for the holiday season. The book is fine, the timing is (to say the least) convenient, and the words, "edited by" completely absent. (I say no more for fear of bursting into flaming cynicism.)

"The Executive Branch of the Kentucky state government (revised 2002)" is a perfectly clear exposition of the executive branch. It is authoritative. It is revised on a regular basis. It is free (a big selling point).

The Legislative Research Commission sends us a free copy of all of their publications. They are all excellent and very, very useful within their range of specialization.

I do not understand jazz. I never claimed to. But the folks at the New York Times understand it and put

together a list of the 100 most important jazz recordings (along with another 100 on the 'b' list.)

I know that a clarinet is a B-flat instrument, but I've never understood why. That's the high-water mark of my musical education.

That's why I was surprised to find "The New York Times Essential Library of Jazz" by Ben Ratliff to be completely clear and very readable.

This isn't the ravings of a culture-snob. It's the reasoned voice of a person who loves the subject and wants to share that love and understanding with the reader. (It's good enough that it actually makes up for the Gore book.)

Here's another good one: "Leonard Maltin's 2003 Movie and Video Guide." It's 1640+ pages of Maltin passing judgment on the good, the bad and the really bad.

The 2003 Guide may not be a book to sit and read straight through, but it sure is the place to get your movie questions answered.

Liz Morrison's "Simple Steps to Riding Success" is something new to me. It's a book about horseback riding that focuses on the person doing the riding, not on the animal being ridden. Interesting!

E-mail Surcharge Hoax claims postmaster

If you hear a rumor that the Postal Service is trying to put a 5-cent surcharge on e-mail - it is not true. The rumor has been circulating

Postings
By Peggy Smith
Dexter
Postmaster

for nearly two years despite all efforts to dispel it. The rumor, which is being circulated via the Internet is completely false. As a matter of fact, the Postal Service has learned that a similar hoax occurred recently in Canada concerning Canada Post.

The e-mail message claims that a "Congressman Schnell" has introduced "Bill 602P" to allow the federal government to impose a 5-cent surcharge on each e-mail message delivered over the Internet. The money would be collected by Internet Service Providers and then turned over to the Postal Service. No such proposed legislation exists.

In fact, no "Congressman Schnell" exists, and the supposed bill number is not in the format Congress uses, anyway.

The U.S. Postal Service has no authority to surcharge e-mail messages sent over the Internet, nor would it support such legislation. It is a hoax. It is an urban legend. It is simply not true. So the next time you hear about this urban legend, or the next time one of your e-mail buddies sends you a message about this hoax, just delete it or respond: "Schnell No!"

Don't forget, it is not a hoax to buy stamps on-line at www.usps.com or call 1-800-STAMP24.

Birth

Nathan Madison Potts

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Potts of 300 Woodlawn, Murray, are the parents of a son, Nathan Madison Potts, born on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed six pounds 11 ounces and measured 18 inches. The mother is the former Dana Fristoe.

Three brothers are Allen, Dale and Kevin.

Grandparents are Ted Potts and the late Norella Kelso Potts, and Linn and Krista Fristoe, all of Murray. A great-grandmother is Mrs. Francis Fristo of Murray.



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Super-duper do-it-all Robot

My charts were pasted to a display board along with pictures of Bailey's favorite fetching toys. I hunted through Bailey's new curls to clip the leash to her collar. I was ready for the science fair.

Dad pounded on the door to Noodles' computer room. "Let's go," he said. "The science fair is waiting." The door slowly opened. There stood Noodles and Boo-Boo. "Where's your science project?" Dad asked.

"It's right here," Noodles said, pointing to Boo-Boo.

"You're taking a rolling garbage can?" Dad asked.

"This is no ordinary garbage can," Noodles said in a know-it-all voice. "This is a super-duper do-it-all robot."

Dad stared at the robot's bucket head and four arms. "Where's your poster?" he asked.

Noodles tapped her forehead. "I don't need a poster. I have everything stored right up here."

A winning project needed a poster. I had told Noodles I would help her design a poster but she didn't want my help. Now it was too late.

"My robot will win the blue ribbon without a poster," Noodles said.

Dad didn't look too sure, but he helped prop Boo-Boo in the back of our van. I sat in the middle seat with Bailey.

The school gym was full of kids with posters. Everyone stared at Boo-Boo. Maybe Noodles was

right. A robot was a pretty special science fair project, even without a poster. Bailey didn't seem as impressive standing next to Boo-Boo.

The judges stopped in front of Bailey and me. My hands were damp and my voice shook, but I answered every single question. Bailey even licked one judge's hand.

Then it was Noodles' turn. She stood up tall and introduced Boo-Boo to the judges. "Boo-Boo is a prize-winning invention," she bragged. "He makes life easier by doing chores."

The judges didn't look convinced. I didn't blame them. "A demonstration is a good science project," one judge said. "Can he pick up paper from the floor?"

Noodles was nervous. I could tell by how fast she talked. "Boo-Boo," Noodles blurted. "Pick up all the paper!"

By the time I realized what Noodles had said it was too late. Boo-Boo's super-charged battery pack whirred to life. Lights flashed. His eyeballs turned somersaults. Boo-Boo's bicycle tires left two black skid marks on the floor when he took off.

The judges jumped out of the way. Bailey barked. A teacher screamed. None of that stopped Boo-Boo. He zoomed across the floor, sweeping papers off tables. He plucked papers from displays. He crashed into tables as he made a mad dash across the floor searching for paper.

"Stop!" the principal screamed.

"Get out of the way!" a teacher hollered.

Kids scattered. Bailey howled. I stood there, shaking my head.

"Do something, Danny," Noodles said.

"You said you didn't want my help," I pointed out.

"I changed my mind," she said. "You have to help me!"

I looked around the gym. Projects were scattered on the floor. The science fair was a

complete disaster, thanks to Noodles and her invention.

Just then, Boo-Boo headed my way. Bailey ducked under a table, but I stepped in front of the crazed robot. "STOP!" I hollered right into Boo-Boo's belly button.

Boo-Boo screeched to a halt. He clutched papers with his two kitchen tong hands. His basket-hands were piled full of papers. He had done exactly what Noodles said. "Beep. Beep. Boo-Boo good."

"Boo-Boo is not good," I said. "You destroyed the science fair."

"Shh," Noodles warned covering his belly button. "You'll hurt his feelings."

It was too late. Boo-Boo's lights dimmed. His knobs stopped twirling. Something inside him went CLUNK.

The judges came out from their hiding places and Mr. Falkner hurried over to where we stood. I have to give my sister credit. She stood up tall and smiled, ready to grab her prize.

Mr. Falkner sighed as he looked around the gym. It looked like a tornado had done a square dance across the floor. "Your project was clever," he admitted, "but you didn't follow the directions. I'm sorry, but the prize goes to Danny and Bailey."

Bailey looked very nice wearing her blue ribbon, and I was glad I had won. Still, I felt bad for Noodles. That didn't last long.

Mr. Falkner gathered all of us around. "We need to clean up this mess," he said. "I need you to pitch in."

Noodles slowly grinned. "What we need," she said, "is an extra set of arms-or two. Boo-Boo can help clean up this mess. Let me make a few adjustments and he'll be ready to roll."

Mr. Falkner's face turned the color of milk. I rushed to get him a chair before he fainted. I had to smile. Having the smartest twin sister in the East, West, North and South can be trouble, but at least life is never dull.

I can hardly wait for next year's science fair.

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Chapter 7 Activities

Now that you've read the complete story of "Noodles Make a Boo-Boo," what do you think? What part of the story did you like best? Which part did you like least? What did you learn from the story?

The title of the story is a play on words. What two meanings does it have? Do you like this title? Suppose you had been the author. What other title might you have given the story?

Now it's time to write a review of "Noodles Makes a Boo-Boo." Instead of writing a regular book review, though, try writing a newspaper-style review.

First search your newspaper for examples of movie, restaurant and book reviews. You will see that the goal of a newspaper review is to tell readers something about the movie, restaurant or book and whether the reviewer liked it. Study some of these examples before you begin to write.

As you write your review, remember: Don't be afraid to share your thoughts and feelings. If you truly enjoyed "Noodles," try to persuade others to read the story. If not, tell your readers why. Be sure to back up your opinions with facts and examples.

Here are some questions to keep in mind as you write your review:

- What is the story about? (Provide some details.)
- What is it that I like or dislike about this story?
- What is the story's theme or message?
- Why did the authors write this story?
- Why did the authors create the characters as they did?

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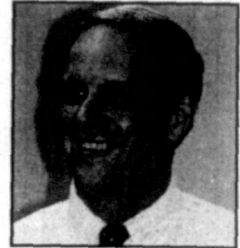
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Photoperiod affects blooms, color of poinsettias

Light durations, or photoperiod, refers to the amount of time that a plant is exposed to sunlight. The ability of many plants to flower is related to photoperiod and is a response to the amount of uninterrupted darkness rather than the amount of sunlight that plants receive.



Agriculture Update
By Lloyd Weatherly
Calloway County Agriculture Extension Agent

Plants can be classified into three categories, depending upon their flowering response to the duration of darkness. These are short-day, long-day or day-neutral plants.

Day-neutral plants form flowers regardless of day length. Long-day (short nights or short darkness) plants form flowers only when day lengths exceed 12 hours. They include almost all of the summer-flowering plants, as well as many vegetables, including beet, radish, lettuce, spinach and potato.

Short-day (long nights or long darkness) plants form flowers only when day length is less than about 12 hours in duration. Soybeans have specific adaptation requirements that are dictated in large part by latitude and temperature regime. They are day-length sensitive plants which flower when day length reaches a certain length or less.

Soybeans are classified into maturity groups based on light/darkness requirements. Maturity group 2 is planted in more northern areas while group B is planted in southern areas so plants will have enough growing season to bloom, form pods and mature for harvest at the appropriate time.

Short-day plants also include many spring- and fall-flowering plants, such as chrysanthemums and poinsettias.

Poinsettias are popular holiday plants because of their colorful bracts, which are modified leaves. The yellow blooms are less conspicuous, but nonetheless present. In order to get last year's poinsettia to rebloom and produce the colorful bracts, a strict regime of darkness must be followed beginning the first of October and continuing for six weeks. Commercial producers pay particular attention to timing of light

and darkness to have colorful plants available during the holiday season.

The poinsettia is the most popular flowering plant sold in the United States, with more than 70 million sold each year. In 1825 Joel Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, introduced the plant to the United States. He not only began a holiday tradition, but has his name associated with the whole affair.

There are many colorful cultivars of poinsettia, ranging from Freedom Red (dark red) to Jingle Bells (red with pink flecks) to White Christmas (white) to Holly Point (variegated). When selecting plants, look for plants with fully mature, thoroughly colored bracts. Select full plants with an abundance of dark rich green foliage all the way down the stem. The leaves and bracts should not be drooping.

During the holiday season, set the poinsettia in a bright location that receives at least six hours of indirect light. Direct sunlight may fade the color of the bracts. Excess heat will cause leaves to yellow and bracts to fade. Ideal daytime temperature should not exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Avoid drafty locations and excessive heat from ventilating ducts and fireplaces. Water plants thoroughly when the soil surface is dry to the touch. Never let the potting mixture completely dry out and avoid standing water. Refrain from fertilizing plants while in bloom. Fertilizer should not be a concern until after Christmas. Then you can use a soluble fertilizer at a rate of about 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of water. This should be done once a month until April.

In April, poinsettias can be cut back, repotted and placed outside in a container or taken out of the container and planted as a background for smaller growing annuals.

Although a perennial in Mexico, we usually treat poinsettias as annuals. Some people enjoy the challenge of attempting to reflower poinsettias, but for the most beautiful poinsettia in your home during the Christmas season, it is usually best to buy new plants that have been professionally grown.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky counties, cooperating.

Cargill to Award \$1,000 Scholarship to Local Youth

In the spring of 2003, Cargill's Community Scholarship Program will honor 350 outstanding high school seniors throughout the country. This program is designed to serve students living in or near Cargill communities, and have plans to attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the fall of 2003.

Award recipients will receive \$1,000, non-renewable scholarships. In addition, each recipient's high school may be eligible for a \$200 library grant. Applications are available by contact with school guidance counselors, or calling 270-395-3112.

Cargill has again contracted with the National FFA Organization to handle the processing of applications and the selection of winners. FFA will perform independently of Cargill and make its awards without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion, handicap or national origin. Students do not need to be a member of FFA to be eligible.

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Purchase Area Goat Association formed

On Sept. 12, the newly established Purchase Area Goat Association met. The meeting was held at the Purchase Training Center located at 234 Pioneer Industrial Drive in Mayfield. More than 20 people were in attendance and represented seven counties.

Calloway County representative Charles Deering is a livestock farmer and has been raising goats for about six years. He currently has about 165 percentage Boer breed goats. Deering started raising goats for the meat and for supplemental income.

He quickly realized the increasing market demand and income potential. Meat goat production and prices have seen a dramatic increase

over a few short years.

"We have the ability to produce top quality genetics and meat right here in our own area, why not keep it here?" Deering said.

Currently, the vast amount of meat is being imported from other countries. The Purchase Area Goat Association would like to change that by supporting the Purchase Area Meat Goat Producers. Deering encourages anyone interested in meat goat production to attend the meetings. They have much to offer.

P.A.G.A. came to light when Shawn Harper, an adult agriculture instructor, saw a need in the Purchase Area for such an organization due to the growth and interest in goat production. Goat

production has seen a high demand from ethnic groups within the United States, and the market has increased tremendously.

The Purchase Area Goat Association is dedicated to the Purchase Area meat goat producers and will provide educational programs for its members to improve their production and marketing skills. Their goal is to improve the quality of goats with improved genetics and management practices of goats produced in the area to make them more valuable to buyers and more profitable to area producers.

Anyone interested in meat goat productions is encouraged to contact Charles Deering (759-1292) or Shawn Harper (270-247-9633).

New directors elected for Jackson Purchase ACA

The Jackson Purchase Agricultural Credit Association (ACA) held its 2002 Annual Meeting Nov. 18 at Graves County High School, with over 700 borrowers in attendance.

The association conducts an annual meeting each year, with the primary objectives being electing directors, conducting the official business of the association and reviewing the financial condition with the membership.

The membership re-elected Jeff Davis and Bill Futrell to serve as directors representing Carlisle and Calloway/Marshall counties, respectively.

Also 2003 Nominating Committee members were elected. Those elected to serve on the 2003 Nominating Committee were Marty Moses - Graves County; William Curtisinger - Carlisle County; Todd Harper - Hickman County; Walter Goodman - Fulton County; Billy

Ray Sullivan - Ballard/McCracken counties; and Tim Riley - Calloway/Marshall counties.

Tommy Murphey, chief executive officer, presented the president's report, which included a review of the Sept. 30 quarterly report to stockholders. The report included a summary which indicated a net worth for the ACA of approximately \$29.3 million, with assets in excess of \$181 million.

The CEO reported the association's patronage program paid \$2.9 million dollars to its borrowers for 2001. Murphey also reported to the stockholders the opening of two new branch offices this year in Lone Oak and Marshall County.

The following is the board of directors of the Jackson Purchase ACA: David Leonard, Jeff Davis, Curtis Hancock Jr., Joe Forrest Campbell, Allen Ross, Bill Futrell and Eldon Heathcott.

Ky.-grown Christmas trees available

Kentucky-fresh Christmas trees are ready for the Commonwealth's families to take home and enjoy during the holiday season.

"A fresh locally grown Christmas tree is a pleasing addition to any home around the holidays," said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith. "Taking the family to pick and cut a tree creates memories that will last a lifetime."

Freshly cut trees contain more moisture and last longer than trees from western and northern states that are cut two to three weeks before they are shipped to Kentucky and put up for sale, said John Cotten, director of KDA's Division of Value-Added Wood Promotion. Some tree lots sell locally grown trees.

Many local Christmas tree farms also offer fresh roping, swags and wreaths along with handmade crafts for Christmas, he said.

"We want the consumer to be aware of the environmental and economic benefits of cutting and then recycling fresh Kentucky-grown Christmas trees," said Herb Loyd, a tree grower from Plummers Landing and president of the Kentucky Christmas Tree Association (KCTA). "There is no memory more cherished than cutting or buying a fresh Christmas tree during the holidays. It's an occasion the whole family should share."

KCTA is a non-profit organization of growers, marketing experts, and technical professionals dedicated to promoting the Christmas tree industry in the Bluegrass State. There are more than 50 Christmas tree growers all over Kentucky, Cotten said. To find a grower near you, log on to the Kentucky Christmas Tree Association Web site at www.kychristmas-trees.com.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2002

SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M. MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.

DIRECTIONS: Hutson Ag Store - From Mayfield Exit 24 take Purchase Parkway South and Bypass 45 South approximately 3 miles to Highway 45 North. Go East toward Mayfield approximately 1/2 mile to John Deere store.

19 TRACTORS!

1-JD 8400, 18.4x46 RT, 4 SCV, SN 23332, 2/1328 Hrs., Warr. to 12/03
1-JD 8400, 710x38, 3 SCV, SN 23353, 2902 Hrs., Warr. to 12/03
1-JD 8400, 710x38, 4 SCV, SN 7102, 1917 Hrs.
1-JD 8300, MFWD, 18.4x46, 3 SCV, SN 10386, 1868 Hrs.
1-JD 8300, MFWD, 18.4x46, 3 SCV, SN 5724, 2249 Hrs

All above tractors have R1 rubber duals.

1-JD 9400, 4WD, 710x38 R1 Duals, 24 Sp., 4 SCV, SN 31439, 829 Hrs., Warr. to 10/03
1-JD 9400, 4WD, 710x38 R1 Duals, 24 Sp., 4 SCV, SN 20005, 2028 Hrs., Warr. to 12/03
1-JD 9200, 4WD, 710x38 R1, 24 Sp., 4 SCV, SN 1601, 1903 Hrs.
1-JD 8970, 4WD, 710x38 R1 Duals, 24 Sp., 4 SCV, SN 6327, 2275 Hrs.
1-JD 8760, 4WD, 20.8x38 R1 Duals, Power Shift, 4 SCV, SN 3652
1-JD 7810, MFWD, 18.4x42 R1 Duals, Power Quad, 3 SCV, SN 13630, 1819 Hrs.
1-JD 4955, MFWD, 18.4x46 R1 Duals, 3 SCV, SN 6482, 7927 Hrs.
1-JD 4850, MFWD, 18.4x42 R1 Duals, SN 12274, 6245 Hrs.
1-JD 5500, MFWD, 3 SCV, SN 650825, 2286 Hrs.
1-JD 5500, MFWD, 340 Loader, SN 550903, 1393 Hrs
1-JD 2150, SN 148553, 3972 Hrs.
1-JD 2130, Diesel
1-JD 4475 Skid Loader, SN 25146, 414 Hrs.

16 COMBINES!

1-JD 9750 STS, 20.8x38 Duals, 4WD, Chaff Spreader, SN 686035, 810 Hrs.
1-JD 9610, 18.4x42 Duals, 4WD, Chaff Spreader, SN 680560, 838 Hrs., Contour
1-JD 9610, 30.5x32, 4WD, SN 681096, 916 Hrs.
1-JD 9610, 20.8x38 Duals, 4WD, SN 680636, Chaff Spreader, 1695 Hrs., Contour
1-JD 9600, 30.5x32, 4WD, SN 671046, Chaff Spreader, 1493 Hrs.
1-JD 9600, 30.5x32, 4WD, SN 665520, 1030 Hrs.
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1-JD 9600, 30.5x32, 4WD, SN 671575, 1137 Hrs.
1-JD 9510, 30.5x32, 4WD, SN 675799, Chaff Spreader, 936 Hrs.
1-JD 9510, 30.5x32, 4WD, SN 676287, Chaff Spreader, 91186 Hrs., Contour
1-JD 9510, 20.8x38 Duals, 4WD, SN 675496, Chaff

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1-JD 7000, 4 R, Dry Fert., Pull Type
1-2 Row Tobacco Setter

HAY EQUIPMENT!

1-JD 566 Round Baler, SN 128906
1-JD 556 Round Baler, SN 123111
1-JD 566 Round Baler, SN 118029
1-JD 466 Round Baler, SN 114219
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1-30' Brillion X Roller, Hyd. Fold
1-18' Brillion Land Comb Tool
1-20' Brillion Roller
1-JD Coil Tine Harrow
1-12" JD 510 Disc Ripper
1-32' Case 4300 Field Cultivator, C Shank
1-27' Brillion Cultipacker, Hyd. Fold

MISCELLANEOUS FIELD EQUIPMENT!

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1-Bush Hog 7' Frail Mower
1-SMD 600 Kuhn Disc Mower
1-NI 8' Disc Mower
1-JD 3940 Silage Chopper, w/2 Row Head
1-JD 3960 Silage Chopper
1-JD 3950 Silage Chopper
1-JD Windrow Pickup Head
1-JD 6' Grader Blade
1-NH 900 Silage Chopper, w/2 Heads
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1-Sprayer Trailer
1-Clark Forklift
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1-Lot of Tires and Miscellaneous

CORN HEADERS!

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1-JD 893, SN 690507, 8 R N
1-JD 843, SN 631043, 8 R N
1-JD 843, SN 388342, 8 R N
1-IH 844, SN 1827, w/JD Adapter

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Thousands gather at events for World AIDS Day

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — More than 2,300 people gathered to listen to Irish rocker Bono, even though he wasn't in town to sing. The U2 lead singer appeared in Lincoln on Sunday to urge Americans to do what they can to help stop the spread of AIDS in Africa, headlining one of the many events held around the nation to mark World AIDS Day. "It's not about charity. It's about justice and equality," Bono said. "I'm not here to lecture, and even though it's Sunday I'm not here to preach." The event at the Lied Center for Performing Arts was the singer's first stop in a seven-city tour for an organization called Debt, Aid, Trade for Africa. Bono has called on Americans to try to persuade their lawmakers to increase funding for the fight against AIDS in Africa. He also wants the American government to forgive the debts of African nations so money can be used to battle the disease. Bono was also joined in Lincoln by actress Ashley Judd and four-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong. "We're extraordinarily honored to be here to learn and to challenge other people around the world to say, 'You know what, a \$4 dollar shot can prevent a mother from transmitting the HIV virus to her

infant,'" Judd said. In New York, the HIV + Sinikithemba Choir, composed of HIV-positive South Africans, marked World Aids Day by singing in Zulu and English on a Harlem church altar. "To have AIDS is a stigma and we are trying to help people share the information and to accept their illness," said choir member Ntombi Mbuthu, 39, a mother of three children, all of whom have tested negative for the disease. Mbuthu, who gets medicine through her work as a clinic counselor, is the only one of the 21 traveling choir members who is undergoing treatment for HIV. The others are too poor. "Most South Africans don't get tested because they know there's no cure, and they cannot get the drug treatment because it's too expensive," said Mimi Badumuti, 32, who supports herself doing beadwork after losing her job as a corporate receptionist. Former President Clinton, in an opinion column published Sunday in The New York Times, urged governments to do more to bring treatment to the developing world. "Given that medicine can turn AIDS from a death sentence into a chronic illness and reduce mother-to-child transmission, our withholding of treatment will appear to future historians as medieval, like

bloodletting," Clinton wrote. About 1 million Americans are infected with HIV, which causes AIDS. Worldwide, there are 42 million HIV positive people, with sub-Saharan Africa home to 75 percent of them, according to UNAIDS, the U.N.'s AIDS agency. President Bush, in his World AIDS Day proclamation, praised groups that are working to combat AIDS and help the people who suffer from it. He noted that his administration is seeking increases in spending for domestic and international AIDS programs. "By working together, we can provide hope and comfort to all those affected by this devastating disease," Bush said. The tour that brought Bono to Nebraska will wind its way through the nation's heartland, with stops in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. The singer said there was a reason those stops were chosen. "There is a sense of community, of family, a certain decency that we need to convince the politicians," Bono said. "There is a moral compass in this part of the country that reads clearly when it knows the facts. In San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, about 250 people, many wearing red ribbons and some carrying flowers, attended a quiet ceremony Sunday in the National

Pediatrics academy urges flu shots for kids up to age 2

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Academy of Pediatrics is encouraging flu shots for all healthy children from 6 months up to 2 years old. Siblings, parents and other caretakers also should get the shots if possible, the academy says. Its policy echoes new government recommendations issued in September and is based on recent data showing that young children are hospitalized with influenza at least as often as adults over 50, for whom yearly flu shots are recommended.

Tens of thousands of youngsters under age 2 become so sick each year with flu that hospitalization is needed, said Dr. Cody Meissner, a member of the academy committee that wrote the new policy. While the flu vaccine isn't licensed for babies under 6 months, they too are at risk for hospitalization. The academy recommends shots for their families and caretakers as well, said Meissner, chief of pediatric infectious disease at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston.

Horoscopes

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002:
 You're empowered this year. Your security and poise allow many special opportunities to head your way. You know when and where to take risks, no longer staying stuck in difficult situations. Your intuition guides you in a new direction, making what you want possible. Your sense of humor helps you gain a perspective on difficult situations. Travel, education and a more intellectual understanding add a unique depth to who you are. Career success greets the end of this birthday year. If you are single, you will meet someone very different who might be instrumental to opening new pathways. If you are attached, schedule more special time together. SAGITTARIUS understands you well.
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** You will sit back and smile when you realize the difference one day can make. What you once believed to be untenable, you'll discover could be workable, now that some light has been shed on the different issues. Provide a broader perspective, if needed. Tonight: Flip the channels or hop on the Internet.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Charge ahead, knowing what you want to accomplish. A colleague helps to implement what you want. With an associate's help, you might be close to unstoppable. Working with this person

helps you obtain more of your long-term desires. Tonight: Make quality time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Others seek you out, but situations prove to be more agreeable than previously. Use the present astrological climate to complete a project or to get an OK from others. Let someone else run with the ball, as long as you give the directions. Tonight: Get together with friends.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Others give you feedback — though at times vague — that could take you to a new level of understanding. You cannot clarify a situation enough or get enough straight answers. Your hard work creates a better atmosphere at work. Tonight: Share news with a loved one.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Don't be intimidated by what an associate considers is an unbeatable idea. What is great in his or her eyes might not work. How you present a problem with its options can determine the success of the project. Tonight: Play the night away.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Listen to the basics. Review a matter that is close to your heart. You get feedback from others that might mean a lot. Carefully think through a decision that implicates your personal life as well as your professional life. Tonight: Order in.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Do your best to understand what makes a loved one tick. This person could be unusually vague, but it could be important to hear what he or she has to share. Your imagination goes haywire when dealing with loved ones. Tonight: Reach out for a loved one or a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Treat someone close like a king or queen. Understand more of what you want and expect from someone. You might not always understand a family member's message. Be open to an off-hand remark. Run with the ball. Tonight: Your treat.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Your efforts make a difference to someone. Express your caring so that someone can hear it. Your happy, positive side emerges during a conversation. Work on being more direct, kissing away vagueness. Tonight: Your call.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Establish a low profile. You might not always have as much control as you would like. Your intuition might tell you something totally different than the present facts. Know when to put a stop to spending, for your sake. Tonight: Get extra R and R.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You zero in on what is important. You also have an unusual way of drawing others toward you. When surrounded by loved ones and friends, express what you really want. You could be surprised by how easily it can happen. Tonight: Follow the crowds.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Take the lead with others. Understand what you want. Carefully consider your options that involve a work-related matter. You might want to take charge but might not appreciate some of the ramifications. Tonight: A must show.
BORN TODAY
 Author Joseph Conrad (1857), psychoanalyst Anna Freud (1895)

“An Old Fashioned Murray Christmas Parade”
 The Murray Rotary Club would like to invite you to participate in it's annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th. To again guarantee a truly fabulous Christmas parade, please decorate in a traditional old fashioned Christmas theme.
 School groups, church groups, civic organizations, bands, and music groups are invited to enter this parade. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the first three places in three separate divisions — Church/Religious Division, Clubs/Civic Organizations, and Commercial Division.
 The Rotary Christmas Parade offers your organization an excellent way to have some Christmas fun and maybe raise some money at the same time.
 First place prize in each division will receive \$150.
 As in the past years, entrants will line up at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7th on 10th St. and proceed downtown.
 The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.
 Parade co-chairmans are Tab Brockman & David King.
 Entries should be received by Tues., Dec. 3 at 5 p.m.
 Mail Entries To:
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DR. GOTT

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 50, has had high blood pressure for more than 20 years. He has been hospitalized twice in the last month with readings in the 200/120 range. His doctors have tried various medications, to no avail. He is overweight, but exercises daily. Should he be evaluated at a major medical center?

DEAR READER: When I began practice more than 30 years ago, there were pitifully few effective drugs to treat hypertension. Uncontrolled high blood pressure was a national health problem, in large part because these medicines were inconsistently effective and, when they were effective, they were usually the cause of multiple side effects, including depression and harmful mineral imbalance.

Today, in contrast, there are many medications to treat hypertension; they include beta-blockers, calcium-channel blockers, diuretics, ACE inhibitors and angiotensin receptor antagonists. Unpleasant side effects are uncommon; two or three drugs are often used simultaneously.

I don't know why your husband's doctors are having a hard time. Judicious use of medicine should bring his blood pressure down into the (140/80) normal range.

Certainly your spouse's weight plays a role in the problem because, in general, obese patients have higher blood pressures than slim people. Even so, one or more anti-hypertension medications should do the trick.

I suggest that you and he sit down for a thorough discussion with the doctors. Ask about their future plans with respect to treatment and supervision. This is important because uncontrolled hypertension will, over time, lead to stroke and serious cardiovascular disorders.



PETER GOTT, M.D.

If, for some reason, the doctors are at the ends of their ropes, request a referral to a clinic or vascular specialist in a teaching center. Don't procrastinate. Patients with their blood pressures consistently in the 200/120 range are walking time bombs.

To give you related information I am sending you a copy of my newly revised and updated Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can old injuries act up to cause symptoms repeatedly? I was hurt at work several years ago, lost time on the job and subsequently returned to work. Now my injury is acting up again, and my employer is not covering any medical bills.

DEAR READER: Old injuries can, indeed, cause periodic problems. For example, people who broke bones in the past may be very sensitive to changing barometric pressures and can, because of pain, predict a shift in the weather. Also chronic back pain frequently re-surfaces to cause discomfort year after year.

Because you don't specify the site and nature of your old injury, I am unable to give you specific advice. However, your own doctor certainly can. Check with him and enlist his support in reclassifying your injury so that you may, perhaps, be covered under workers' compensation.

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I am a 62-year-old widow. My husband died two years ago. We were married 40 wonderful years. Determined not to fall into depression, I arranged my finances so that my future is secure. If anything should happen to me, my four sons will not be unduly burdened.

During my late husband's long hospitalization, a friend of more than 27 years, "Norman," made it his mission to keep my spirits up. Four months after the funeral, he insisted I get out of the house and go with him to the movies, the beach, for a drive, etc. I have always been comfortable with Norm. He is caring, concerned, affectionate and active in our church and community.

This past year, we have gone on trips together, and he never fails to make me laugh. Norm is financially secure, and we have no plans to live together or marry. I've made that clear to my sons. However, they are very upset that I'm seeing him!

They have informed me that they are not comfortable with including Norman in holiday and family affairs or vacations we take together. They have known this man since they were kids, and he has done nothing to account for their attitude. Norm's children have no such qualms and have extended me an open invitation to their homes.

I have never made any of my sons' friends, girlfriends, lovers or wives unwelcome in my home — whether I liked them or not. My sons' "significant others" were always included on vacations.

More and more, I am angry that Norm is not welcome at family gatherings. I don't want to cause a scene or estrange my children, but I will not exclude someone I care about.

What should I do, Abby? Christmas is just around the corner, and Norm is not invited. As much as I want to be with my sons and their families, I am tempted to stay home. NO NAME PLEASE IN CHARLESTON, S.C.

DEAR NO NAME PLEASE: Why stay home? Spend the holidays with Norm's family. In time, your sons will get the message that excluding Norm is driving you away.

Life is for the living, and you have every right to be happy.

DEAR ABBY: I was 8 years old and it was the last day of school. I was living in a less-than-caring foster home and worried about the 50 cents I owed my school for several lost books. Unless I paid for the books, I would not get my fourth-grade report card.

When I heard that news, I left school crying and running, and didn't see the tall man until I ran straight into his legs. He asked me what was the matter, and I told him about the 50 cents. He reached into his pocket, took out two quarters, and in a kind voice said, "Things will be all right now."

Overjoyed to have the money, I paid for the books, got my report card, and shortly thereafter, my mother was able to take me back to live with her.

The year was 1942; the world was at war. Our state of Florida was still in a depression, and that 50 cents was a lot of money in those days.

Abby, to this day, every act of generosity I perform — every dime I give to a cause — is in honor of that man. I don't remember his face. I only recall his brown shoes, which I saw first when I ran into him. His kindness to a crying child made all the difference in my life.

MARILYN IRLBACHER, NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR MARILYN: Your letter is a relevant one for this season of giving. He who takes care of the least of us invests in the best of us.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago

Published is a picture of Molly Rogers and Dan Farris who participated in the Murray Rotary Club Telethon for Murray Independent Schools on Nov. 30. Calloway County Schools were benefited on Dec. 1, and Murray State University will be benefited tonight, Dec. 2. The photo was by Staff Photographer Gina Hancock.

Pfc. Jason Farley is serving with the 536th Military Police Unit in Wildflecken, Germany.

Births reported include a boy to Terri and Ronnie Hollis and a girl to Gladys and Michael Metcalf, Nov. 27.

20 years ago

More than 50 local merchants participated in the Christmas Village, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Nov. 27 and 28 at the West Kentucky Exposition Center.

Councilman Tommy Sanders was named as representative to the Murray-Calloway County Park Board by the Murray City Council.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dillon, Nov. 17; triplets, one girl and two boys, to Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes, Nov. 19.

30 years ago

Two local men, Pvt. Rodney L. Sheeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney W. Sheeks, and Pvt. James D. Gargus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pickard, have completed eight weeks of basic training with the U.S. Army at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

The mobile home of Jerry Eldridge at Almo was destroyed by fire Nov. 27.

Births reported include a boy to Dr. and Mrs. Eddie Lee Grogan, Oct. 29; a boy to Capt. and Mrs. John T. Bryant III, Oct. 30.

40 years ago Marine Corps Capt. John I. Hudson, formerly employed at Murray Manufacturing Company, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "Outstanding Skill in Low Level Photographic Missions Over Cuba." His wife is the former Zetta Yates of Murray.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Kuntz, Nov. 20; a boy to Sp4 and Mrs. J.T. West, Nov. 21; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hubbs, Nov. 29.

Betty Carolyn Thurmond and Joseph Nicholas Ryan III were married Nov. 23 at Brookport, Ill.

50 years ago

John Holland, 44, Mrs. John Holland, 44, and Prentice Thornton, 37, all of Wayne, Mich., died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Detroit, Mich. They are former residents of Calloway County and are being returned to Murray for funeral and burial services with Max H. Churchill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steely were married 50 years Oct. 25.

Jean Smith and Keith Kennedy were married Nov. 22 in Corinth, Miss.

Mrs. Gordon Moody presented a program on "Duel Flower Arrangements" at a meeting of the Home Department of the Murray Woman's Club held at the club house.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2002. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 2, 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

On this date: In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Model A automobile, the successor to its Model T.

In 1980, four American church women were raped, murdered and buried outside San Salvador, El Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

Ten years ago: Germany's lower house of parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Maastricht Treaty on European unity. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with five astronauts and a spy satellite aboard.

Five years ago: Attorney General Janet Reno declined to seek an independent counsel investigation of telephone fund-raising by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, concluding they did not violate election laws, in a decision that drew jeers from Republicans.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ A 2, ♥ K J 8 7 4, ♦ 7 5, ♣ 7 6 4 2. WEST: ♠ 6 4 3, ♥ 3, ♦ J 10 8 4 3, ♣ J 9 5 3. EAST: ♠ 5, ♥ A Q 10 9 5 2, ♦ 9 6 2, ♣ K 10 8. SOUTH: ♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7, ♥ 6, ♦ A K Q, ♣ A Q.

The bidding: South West North East. 2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass. 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass. 4NT Pass 5♦ Pass. Opening lead — three of hearts.

Looking at all four hands, it's hard to imagine how South went down one in six spades — yet he did. What's more, almost anyone else in his shoes would also have gone down against the brilliant defense he encountered.

West led a heart, on which declarer made the normal play of the jack from dummy. However, East, Mike Smolen, deviated from the norm by taking the jack with the ace! This extraordinary play, when Smolen could have won the trick with the queen, subsequently brought

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine. ©2002 King Features Syndicate Inc.

CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS: 1 Subway opposites, 4 Midwest st., 6 Happen, 11 Find the station (2 wds.), 13 Chalet (typ.), 14 Pacino of films, 15 Lines on a map, 17 Persia, today, 18 Affection, 20 Omit, 21 A famous Derek, 22 Compared, 25 Natural elev., 28 Tobacco wad, 30 Pesky insect, 32 Quaker pronoun, 33 Cave dwellers, 36 Zaps, 38 Exists, 39 Senate votes, 41 Troubles, 42 Shriver of tennis, 44 Feeler, 47 Roast beef — jus, 49 Jones or Crockett, 50 "Wolf Man" (typ.), 53 Acuff and Bean, 55 "Do it — costs!", 57 Bout ender, 58 Glossy paint, 60 Bauble, 62 Flural sight, 63 Space width, 64 Tint, DOWN: 1 Coup d'—, 2 Breather, 3 Tin, in the lab, 4 Newsstand, 5 Boa, 6 'Get wind —, 7 Cattle stall, 8 Pool shot, 9 Actress — Thurman, 10 Stimp'y's, buddy, 12 911 destination, 13 Colorado trees, 16 Small dent, 19 Muse of history, 23 Lazily, 24 Morse code word, 26 Little kid, 27 Monster's loch, 28 Swab brand (typ.), 29 Bear constellation, 31 Hamlet, 34 Grazing area, 35 Footwear, 37 Anthracite, 40 GNP or ERA, 43 Chichen Itza culture, 45 Hedge, 46 Parachute fabric, 48 Leatherneck's org., 51 Approve, 52 Bump or knot, 53 Sports "zebra", 54 Half a pair, 56 "Behold!", 59 Shoe width, 61 Minister's deg.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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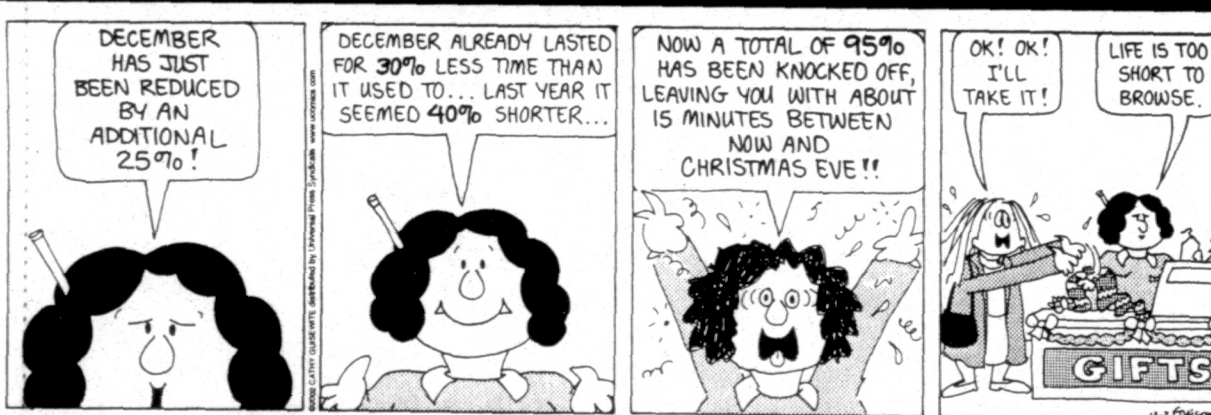
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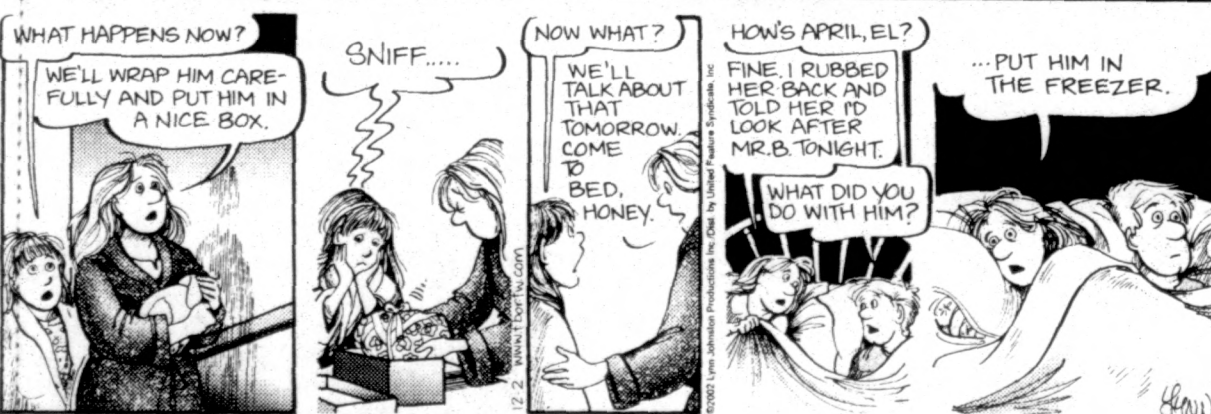
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SPORTS

Monday, December 2, 2002

MSU 3rd in Fresno

Trumblee scores 32 for Lady Racers

Staff Report
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FRESNO, Calif. — Freshman center Lori Trumblee scored a Fresno State Classic single-game-record 32 points to lead Murray State to a 73-59 win over Butler in the tournament's consolation game Saturday.



Trumblee had 19 points at halftime and finished hitting 13 of her 19 shots from the field, with a 6-for-8 day from the free-throw line. She also pulled down nine rebounds, finishing the tournament with 44 points and 15 rebounds in Murray State's two games.

Murray State (2-2) jumped out to a 14-8 lead when Trumblee hit a layup with 13:09 left in the first half.

The Lady Racers worked up to a 21-14 lead with 9:22 left in the half, but Butler (1-3) came back, going on a 9-2 run over the next five minutes to knot the game at 23-23.

MSU then went on a 6-0 run when Lindsay Cornn hit two free throws and Trumblee hit a basket and two free throws, and Butler's Lisa Pryor hit a try to put the halftime score at 29-26.

The Lady Racers opened the second half like gangbusters, outscoring the Bulldogs 20-4 over the first six-and-a-half minutes of the half, marking its greatest lead at 49-30 when Brittany Park hit two free throws with 13:24 left.

Beth Schnakenberg followed Trumblee's 32 points with 11 points and a nine rebounds, finishing the tournament with 33 points and 13 rebounds.

Khadija Head had seven rebounds to go with a five assists and a co-game-high four steals. Park also had five assists for MSU.

"We played the full 40 minutes today," said MSU head coach Eddie Fields. "We will be as good as the effort we put into it. We only had about 30 minutes to prepare for (Saturday's) game, but we worked up a game plan and stuck with it. We defended against their threes and held them to 5-for-22 shooting behind the arc, and that was huge."

"We also had 17 assists, and that shows well we played together. We hit 60 percent (15 for 25) from the field in the second half, and we were just on. Everything came together for us."

Murray State was without sophomore guard Rebecca Remington, who is still nursing shin splints.

The Lady Racers will play their home opener Saturday at 4:30 p.m. when Jackson State comes to the Regional Special Events Center.

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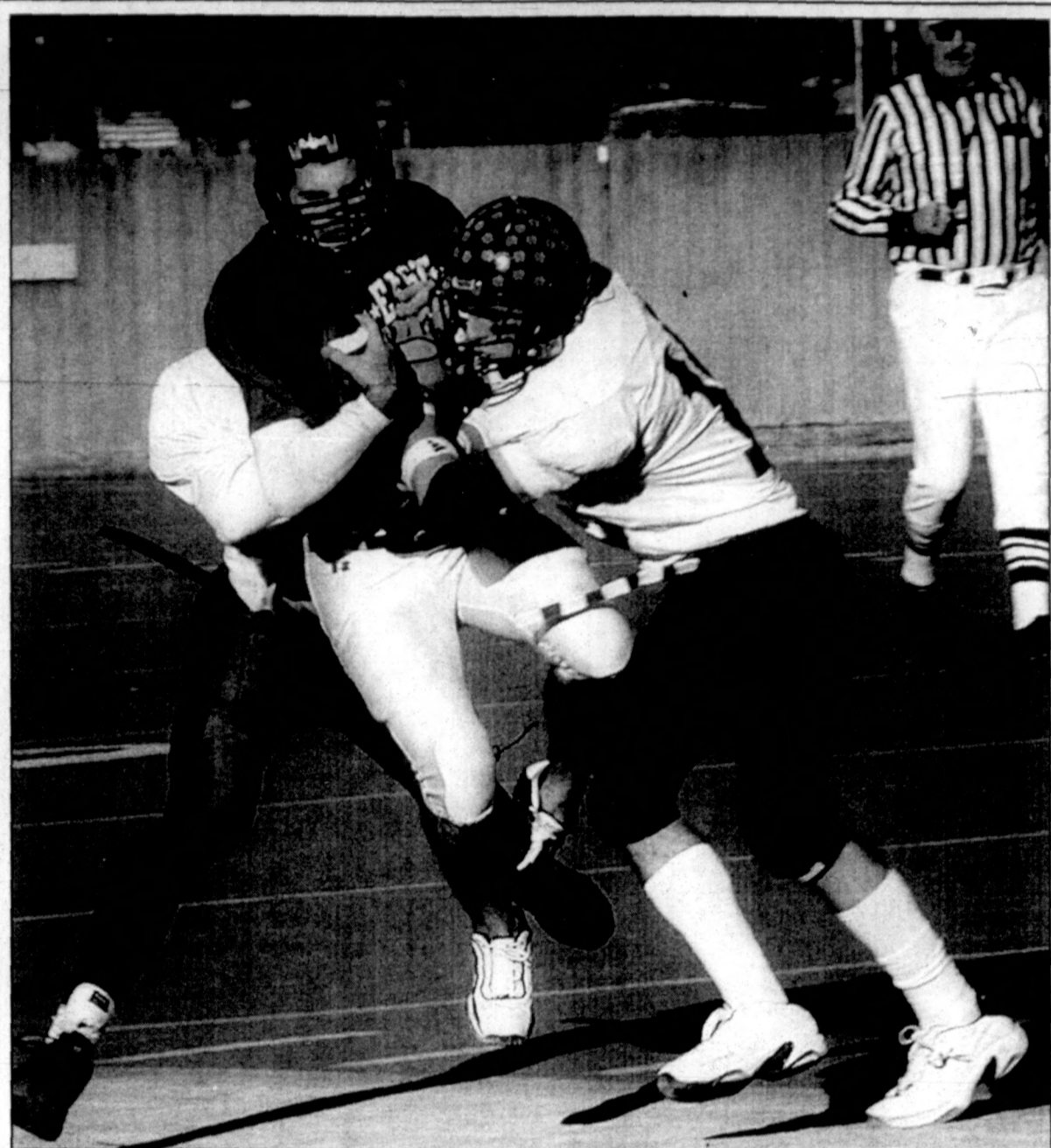
• The Murray-Calloway County YMCA will host an indoor soccer league for boys and girls ages 7-10 that will begin Jan 11 and continue through March 1.

The registration fee is \$30 per player and \$25 for additional players from the same family. Registration will be held at the Murray-Calloway County YMCA at 808 Chestnut St. today from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday from 6-8 p.m., Saturday from 9-11 a.m. and Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

• Marshall County Elks Lodge 2707 will hold its 31st annual Hoop Shoot, a free-throw shooting contest for boys and girls ages 8-13 Dec. 14 at Christian Fellowship School in Briensburg.

Over three million youngsters entered last year's nationwide competition for boys and girls in three age categories: 7-9, 10-11 and 12-13. The free-throw line is moved 4 feet closer to the basket for kids ages 7-9. Each contestant will attempt 25 shots. The winners in each age group will advance to the district meet Jan. 18 in Madisonville. The state meet will be held in February in Frankfort, with the regional meet set for Paris, Tenn. The national finals will be held in Springfield, Mass.

For more information, call Hoop Shoot director Bill Blossfeld at 270-354-6896.



WHACK! ... Murray High senior defensive back Nathan Williams (right) teams up with fellow West All-Star Clayton Jeter of Heath to stop Muhlenberg South quarterback Clark Gwaltney during the West Kentucky Conference All-Star Game Saturday at Roy Stewart Stadium. The West squad, which included Williams and Murray teammates Chase Lambert and Brandon Thurmond and Calloway County's Jeffrey Loftin, Keith Rundles, Shane Harper and Kelly Overbey, won 20-6.

JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Hilltoppers crush Auburn 89-70

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — David Boyden scored 19 points and led five other Hilltoppers in double figures as Western Kentucky beat Auburn 89-70 Sunday afternoon.

The Hilltoppers (2-1) spotted Auburn (2-1) the first seven points and trailed by as much as 11 in the first half, but a team already playing without All-American center Chris Marcus and 6-foot-9 forward Todor Pandov didn't let that bother them.

Western Kentucky used an 11-

4 run in the second half to take the lead for good as the Hilltoppers improved to 3-0 all-time against Auburn.

Filip Videnov scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Western Kentucky. Mike Wells also had 17 points, Patrick Sparks added 14, and Nate Williams and Anthony Winchester had 10 each.

Auburn outshot Western Kentucky 58 percent (29-of-50) to 55 percent (33-of-59), but the Hilltoppers outrebounded Auburn 28-22 and came up with 18 turnovers

that included nine steals.

Marco Killingsworth led Auburn with 21 points. Marquis Daniels added 18 and Troy Gaines 12.

Cards accept GMAC Bowl bid; to face Marshall

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville has accepted a bid to play in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala. where it will play Marshall on Dec. 18.

The Cardinals had loftier goals in mind at the start of the season, including a third straight Conference USA championship. They had a chance to grab a share of the league title on Saturday, but lost 27-10 at Houston and finished the regular season 7-5.

Still, the Cardinals will make their fifth straight bowl appearance, unprecedented in school history. They snapped a three-game bowl losing streak with a 28-10 win over BYU in last year's Liberty Bowl.

Coach John L. Smith said he isn't disappointed by the second-tier bowl berth. "We were expecting a bigger year," he said Sunday night. "But there a lot of teams in the country who'd like to say, 'Hey, I've been to five straight bowl games.'"

The bowl game will be billed as a matchup of two of the nation's top senior quarterbacks — Louisville's Dave Ragone and Marshall's Byron Leftwich.

Ragone passed for 2,687 yards and 23 touchdowns with 10 interceptions this season. He was also sacked 43 times.

Leftwich threw for 3,615 yards and 22 touchdowns with eight interceptions for Marshall (9-2). He completed 68.5 percent of his passes; Ragone completed only

55 percent. "It should really sell, because as everybody talks, these are the top two kids in the country," Smith said. "Right now, the NFL's talking about these guys as No. 1 and No. 2."



It's a neat deal from that aspect." Leftwich went 35-for-42 for 401 yards Saturday in Marshall's 38-14 win over Ball State to become the Mid-American Conference's career offense leader.

Louisville and Marshall — separated by about 200 miles — played every year from 1959-1970, but the series ended. The teams haven't met since the 1998 Motor City Bowl, which Marshall won 48-29 after Smith's first season in Louisville.

This year's matchup conflicts with the Billy Minardi Classic, a two-day basketball event Louisville is hosting at Freedom Hall.

But Smith said a selling point for the bowl game is the climate. Louisville — and its fans — braved freezing temperatures during their two straight trips to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. the past two seasons.

"What more could the fans ask for? They get to go to the beach and watch a bowl game," Smith joked.

Marshall wraps up its season Saturday in the MAC championship game against Toledo (9-3, 7-1).

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Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	Washington	5	7	0	.417
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Oakland	7	4	0	.636	St. Louis	5	7	0	.417
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Western Ky. 59, MSU 20

Gone With The Wind

Elements, 'Toppers too much for MSU in playoff opener

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Train tracks run just outside the north end zone of Western Kentucky's L.T. Smith Stadium.

However, you might have a hard time convincing the Murray State Racers and 3,300 spectators that the tracks didn't veer off onto Jimmy Feix Field during Saturday's NCAA Division I-AA first-round playoff contest. That runaway train — disguised as the rival Western Kentucky Hilltoppers — rolled through the Murray defense for playoff records for points and rushing yardage (350) in a 59-20 blowout.

"We just got beat by a better team," said Racer head coach Joe Pannunzio. "They were bigger, stronger and faster than we were ... They simply controlled the game."

For all intents and purposes, the Racers' chances were almost literally "blown away" before the football was even touched by either team.

With a stiff wind blowing from north to south, the pre-game coin toss proved critical to both squads. Unfortunately for MSU, the Hilltoppers (9-3) gained the huge early advantage — electing to kick to the Racers and put the wind to their backs for the first quarter.

By the time Murray got the wind in the second period, it was already behind 24-0. That was more than enough for Western's fifth-ranked defense as it held the Racers to just 252 total yards — 149 passing and just 103 on the ground.

"When I woke up this morning, the trees at my house were bent over," said long-time Hilltopper head coach Jack Harbaugh. "We realized that whoever won that coin toss was going to have a big, big edge."

Clearly affected by the gusting winds, the Racers went three-and-out on the game's opening possession. Brian Bivens' punt attempt traveled just 23 yards, setting Western up with excellent field position on the MSU 36.

Six-plays later, Maurice Bradley barreled into the south end zone from 1 yard out to begin a nightmare quarter for the Racers.

On Murray's third possession, Stewart Childress' pass intended for Deandre Green was picked off by Hilltopper cornerback Carl

Western Kentucky 59 RACERS 20

Murray St.	0	14	0	6	— 20
W. Kentucky	24	14	7	14	— 59
First Quarter					
WKU	—	Bradley 1 run (Martinez kick), 11:19			
WKU	—	Johnson 14 run (Martinez kick), 5:07			
WKU	—	Bradley 1 run (Martinez kick), 2:41			
WKU	—	FG Martinez 44, 0:00			
Second Quarter					
MSU	—	Green 18 pass from Childress (Andrus kick), 12:58			
WKU	—	Veats 86 punt return (Martinez kick), 7:39			
MSU	—	Blanchard 1 run (Andrus kick), 2:15			
WKU	—	Frazier 3 run (Martinez kick), 0:02			
Third Quarter					
WKU	—	Reaves 12 pass from Michael (Martinez kick), 13:15			
Fourth Quarter					
MSU	—	St. Louis 1 pass from Childress (kick failed), 14:17			
WKU	—	Bradley 1 run (Martinez kick), 10:08			
WKU	—	Rogers 16 pass from Michael (Martinez kick), 7:21			
A	—	3:30.			

	MSU	WKU
First downs	15	17
Rushes-yards	38-103	52-350
Passing	149	79
Comp-Att-Int	14-24-2	5-7-0
Return Yards	66	166
Punts-Avg.	7-33.9	2-24.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	9-75
Time of Possession	29:03	30:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Murray State, Lane 12-64, Blanchard 14-25, Odoms 8-12, Childress 4-2. Western Kentucky, Johnson 12-160, Michael 9-84, Frazier 17-77, Bradley 9-22, Dukes 1-9, Miller 2-6, Clayboorn 1-(minus 6), Team 1-(minus 2).

PASSING — Murray State, Childress 14-24-2, 149. Western Kentucky, Michael 5-7-0, 79.

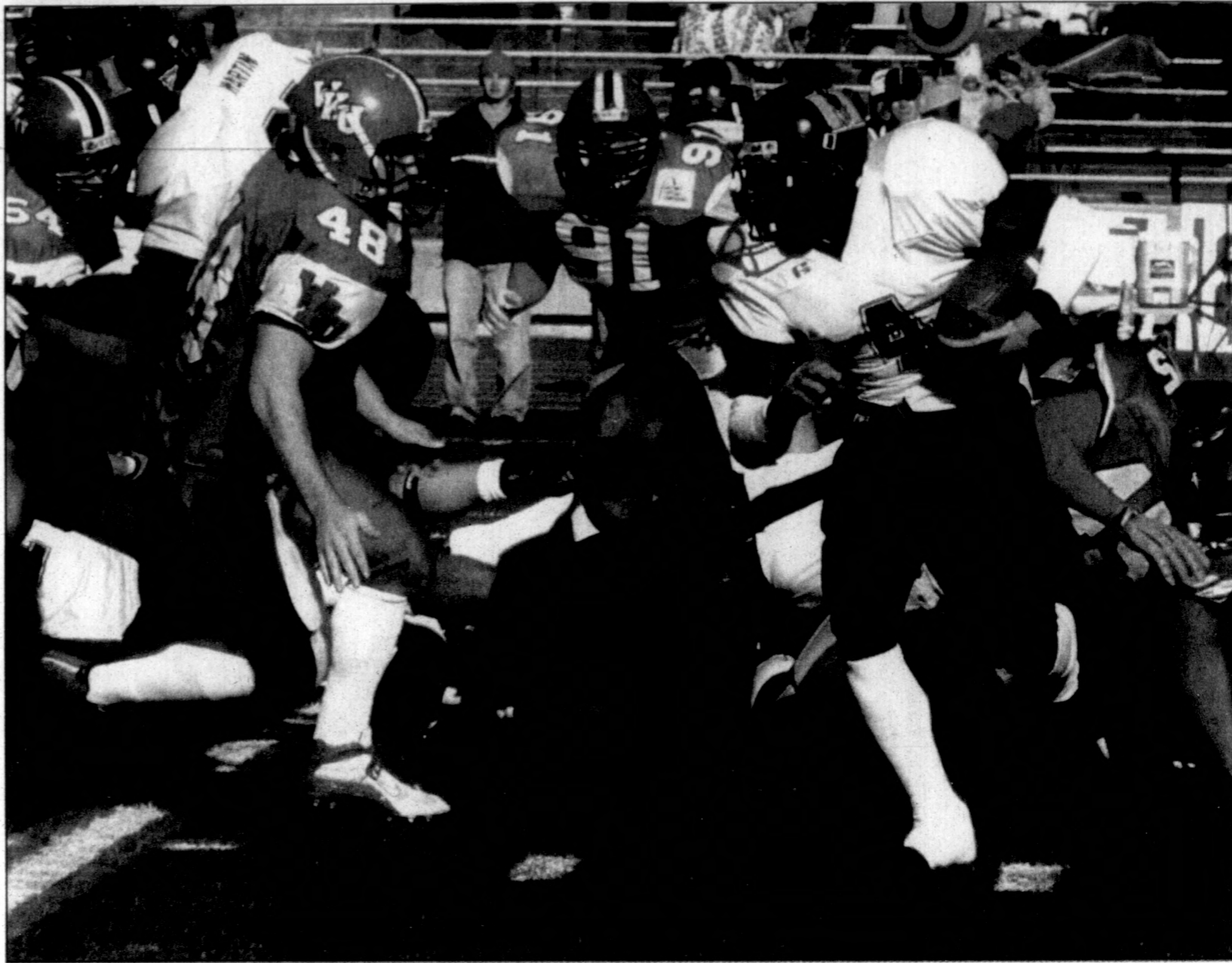
RECEIVING — Murray State, Green 8-127, Christon 2-20, Nutter 1-7, St. Louis 1-1, Lane 1-(minus 3), Odoms 1-(minus 3). Western Kentucky, Reaves 3-62, Rogers 1-16, Rooney 1-1.

Birts and returned 35 yards to the Racer 14. It was MSU's first turnover in 16 quarters, which set up a 14-yard scamper by Jeremi Johnson on the next play from scrimmage.

Bradley scored again from 1 yard out with 2:41 left and the 'Toppers tacked on three more at the end of the quarter when Peter Martinez's 44-yard attempt split the uprights.

Harbaugh elected to kick the field goal on third-and-five with just two seconds left instead of facing the wind in the second period, and the Racers were in a 24-0 hole.

Pannunzio admitted the playing conditions were tough for his ball club in the opening stanza, but preferred instead to give the credit to the Hilltoppers.



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times photo

TOUGH YARDAGE ... Sophomore Ron Lane (4) and the Racers had a tough day running the ball against Western Kentucky's fifth-ranked defense, gaining just 103 yards on 39 carries. With the victory, the Hilltoppers will face Gateway Conference rival Western Illinois this Saturday in the second round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

"The wind was a little bit of a factor. But when you get beat like that, you can't blame it on the wind," said the third-year MSU coach. "They just grabbed us by the throat and didn't let us breathe."

Murray didn't muster anything offensively until early in the second quarter when Childress capped a five-play, 60-yard drive with an 18-yard scoring strike to Green that cut the Western advantage to 31-7.

But any good vibes the Racers got from that effort were snuffed out five minutes later when Antonio Veals returned another Bivens punt 86 yards for a touchdown as the 'Toppers continued to pile up the points.

The gusting winds played havoc with Bivens' punts all day. The 6-4, 222-pound senior — who led the Ohio Valley Conference in punting during the regular season with a 40.4-yard average — punted seven times for an average of 33.9 yards and was repeatedly kicking from deep in his own territory.

"It was a very frustrating day



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times photo

DOWN AND OUT ... Racer quarterback Stewart Childress is sacked by Western Kentucky's Sherrod Coates during first-quarter action of Saturday's I-AA playoff contest.

for me," Bivens noted. "No matter how hard you kicked it or how much technique you tried to use, the wind just took over and

controlled the ball."

Bivens was on the field so much because the Racer offense — which had been potent in the second half of the season and led the conference in rushing (249.6 ypg) — produced very little against Western's vaunted defense.

Childress — who had bounced back for a solid second half after struggling in the early part of the 2002 season, completed 14-of-24 pass attempts for 139 yards and two touchdowns — but was intercepted twice.

The junior signal caller's favorite target, Green, did catch eight passes for 127 yards. However, no other Racer wideout had more than two catches.

Senior tailback Billy Blanchard, who was second in the OVC in rushing for the year, had just 25 yards on 14 carries.

Sophomore Ron Lane led MSU on the ground with just 64 yards on 12 rushes.

"Their defense gave us problems all day," Childress said. "They have a really good defense. It was probably the best we've faced this year besides Memphis."

Tenn. Tech defeats Air Force 60-47

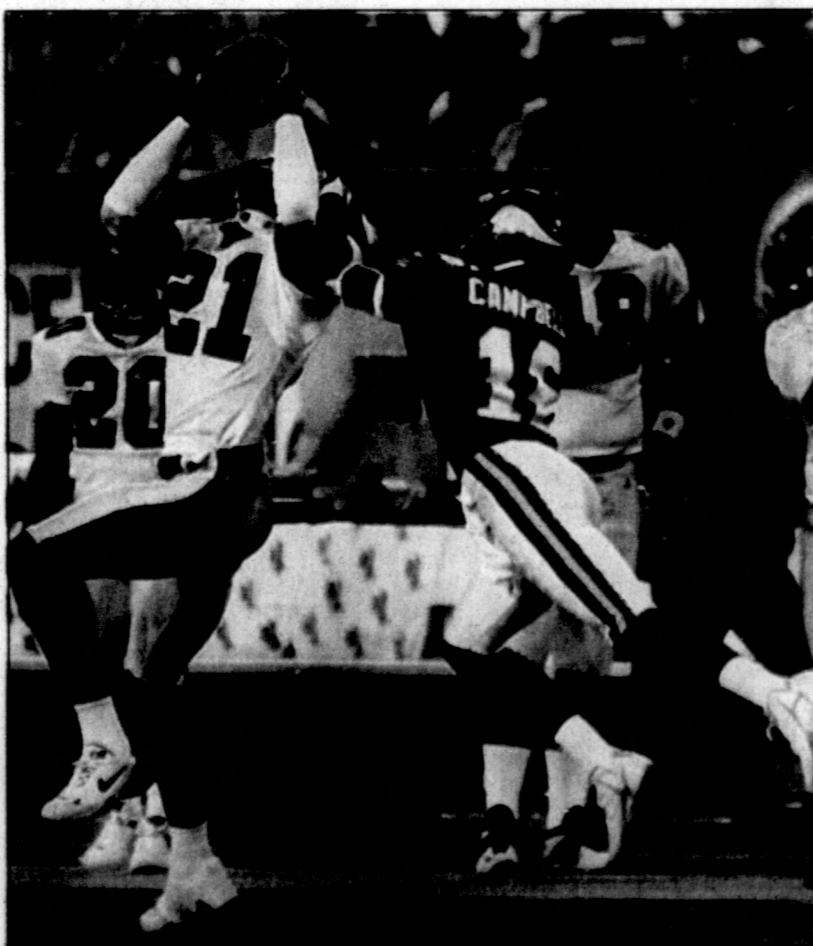
COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Damien Kinloch scored 23 points on 8-for-10 shooting Sunday as Tennessee Tech defeated Air Force 60-47.

Tennessee Tech (3-1) opened the second half with a 12-1 run to take a 37-29 lead with 14:08 to play. Kinloch, who also went 7-for-8 from the free throw line, scored the first six points of the run.

The Golden Eagles outrebounded Air Force (2-2) 31-9 in extending their home winning streak to 32 games, the second longest in Division I.

A 3-pointer by Keyon Boyd with 6:35 left gave the Golden Eagles a 49-33 lead, their largest of the game. Air Force got no closer than 52-44 with 1:42 to play.

Air Force hit 10-of-19 of its 3-pointers, including its first six of the game. The Falcons' strong shooting put them ahead 21-13 with 9:36 left in the first half.



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I'VE GOT IT ... Atlanta cornerback Juran Bolden intercepts the ball over the Vikings' Kelly Campbell during the second quarter of Sunday's game in Minneapolis. The Falcons intercepted Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper three times.

Saints batter Bucs' defense; Titans nudge Giants in OT

By The Associated Press

Having the league's best defense didn't help the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the New Orleans Saints this season.

Aaron Brooks threw two third-quarter touchdown passes despite a bruised arm, and the Saints held on to beat the Buccaneers 23-20 Sunday night.

Brooks finished 9-of-25 for 155 yards. But after the Saints fell behind 9-6 at halftime, he threw TD passes of 3 yards to Jake Reed and 14 yards to Joe Horn on the first two possessions of the third quarter.

Tampa Bay (9-3), which lost the opener to the Saints 26-20 in overtime, still leads the division, but it's much more crowded now. The Falcons (8-3-1) are a half-game back after Michael Vick led them to a 30-24 overtime win at Minnesota, while the Saints (8-4) are a game back.

Bucs defensive end Simeon Rice, the NFL's sacks leader at 14 1/2, took only five minutes to bring Brooks down twice, setting a record for consecutive games with mul-

tiple sacks with five. Six minutes later, Rice got a third sack that resulted in a safety and a 2-0 lead.

But the Saints' 26th-ranked defense played just as well, forcing three turnovers and holding Tampa Bay to 34 yards rushing. The Bucs, who came in leading the league with a plus-15 turnover differential, forced just one turnover.

Chargers 30, Denver 27, OT
At San Diego, LaDainian Tomlinson ran for a franchise-record 220 yards and three touchdowns, and Steve Christie won it with a 27-yard field goal with 3:01 left in overtime.

San Diego (8-4) took a half-game lead in the AFC West over Oakland (8-4), which faces the New York Jets at home Monday night.

Falcons 30, Vikings 24, OT
At Minneapolis, Michael Vick ran for 173 yards — the most by a quarterback since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 — and his 46-yard TD run in overtime helped the Falcons improve to 7-0-1 since losing to Tampa Bay on Oct. 6.

Vick also passed for 173 yards, giving him 346 of the 379 yards gained by the Falcons (8-3-1).

Titans 32, Giants 29, OT

At East Rutherford, N.J., Steve McNair threw three touchdown passes, ran for a tying 2-point conversion and set up Joe Nedney's 38-yard field goal in overtime.

After missing practice all week with various injuries, McNair went 30-of-43 for 334 yards to help the Titans (7-5) win for the sixth time in seven games.

The Giants dropped to 6-6.

Eagles 10, Rams 3

At Philadelphia, third-string quarterback A.J. Feeley threw for 181 yards without an interception in place of the injured Donovan McNabb and Koy Detmer, and the Eagles forced five turnovers.

The NFC East-leading Eagles (9-3) sacked Kurt Warner eight times, including four by backup defensive end N.D. Kalu.

Warner was 20-of-42 for 218 yards and two interceptions. The Rams (5-7) are 0-6 with him as the starter.