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A Change In Frankfort

New Gov. Fletcher extols 'greatness in this state'

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher embarked on his term Tuesday with a call for the healing of "hurtful divisions" that he blamed for nagging poverty and historically low education levels.

The inauguration's theme was "Unite Kentucky" and the idea permeated Fletcher's first public speech as Kentucky's 60th governor.

"The geography of Kentucky is drawn not only on the map but also on the culture," Fletcher said.

"Everyone here, regardless of age, lives as part of a generation that has yet to know the full power of true unity as Kentuckians, one and all. That ought not to be," Fletcher said.

Fletcher was not the first to lament Kentucky's ingrained and notorious regionalism. Many state

leaders and social scientists over the years have complained that Kentuckians have stubbornly stunted their own development.

Fletcher said Kentuckians are rightly proud of their citizenship. Yet, "we are, in our state, somewhat divided from one another," he said.

He said there is a "jealousy" between rural and urban, and the major regions — "west, east and central" — do not feel themselves to be part of a whole.

"It has been this way for so long that it has been accepted without even realizing the cost of these hurtful divisions," Fletcher said.

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, whose speech preceded Fletcher's, touched on the same theme. Pence said regionalism and division had been the legacy of a government historically dedicated more to its own perpetuation than to any public service ethic.

Read the text of Gov. Fletcher's inauguration speech.

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He and Fletcher are determined to change that, Pence said. "Say goodbye to the days of blind cronyism, ... the myth that poverty is destiny," he said.

Fletcher said inauguration day "marks a fresh start" and that his goal as he assumed office was "a new unity."

His 13-minute inaugural address contained some sweeping promises including better health care and improvements in education, from early literacy to university research.

Fletcher also reiterated basic themes of the winning campaign waged against state Attorney General Ben Chandler, his

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New Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his wife Glenna are joined by their grandchildren, from left, Callie, Hannah and Joshua Nichols as they review participants in Fletcher's inaugural parade Tuesday.

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Flu bug biting Calloway County

Dozen flu cases confirmed here; one each in Graves, Marshall

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Flu season has struck Calloway County in full force — and earlier than usual.

Murray-Calloway County Hospital is discouraging people from visiting residents at West View Nursing Home and patients in the long-term care unit in an attempt to keep influenza from spreading more than it already has, said Catherine Sivills, the hospital's director of planning and marketing.

There are 226 beds at the two facilities combined. The hospital oversees the nursing home operations.

Some groups who planned to carol at the nursing home have canceled or rescheduled as a precaution.

"It's not necessarily closed, but there is a sign to deter visitors," Sivills said of Westview. "It's a precaution. There are so many people getting sick that they are trying to prevent it from spreading."

Westview residents received flu shots in early November. Sivills said the first shipment of vaccines goes to that population because they are at a higher risk of contracting the disease.

"Families may visit at their own

risk," she said. "But we are encouraging people to wash their hands, wash their hands, wash their hands. That's the best way to prevent the flu from spreading."

Sivills said the nursing home and long-term care unit staff members are trying to prevent the situation from becoming worse, such as requiring a quarantine.

"This is a pretty normal procedure when there is an outbreak nationally," Sivills said. "It is not of epidemic proportions here and we're hoping it doesn't get that bad."

Calloway County's population may be more susceptible to the flu virus because of the college population. Students may have contracted the flu when they were at home for Thanksgiving break, then brought the virus back to the residential colleges, where germs fester, Sivills said.

For the week ending Friday, there were 12 culture-confirmed flu cases in Calloway County and one each in Graves and Marshall counties, Purchase District Health Department nursing director Sharon Godec said. The department has received other reports of flu-like illness that were not confirmed with



Ledger & Times photo

Visitors are being discouraged at West View Nursing Home and in long-term care in an effort to keep influenza from spreading more than it already has, hospital officials said.

Kentucky's flu season started about two months earlier than usual with 31 cases of flu confirmed in 13 counties by the state lab, according to the Department for Public Health. In neighboring Tennessee, an elderly Davidson County man with other health problems died last week from flu-related complications.

Godec said Calloway County Health Center received a shipment

of flu vaccines Tuesday, but that probably will be last this season because the distributors are running out of supplies. While the flu started earlier than usual in Calloway County, she said people are still requesting vaccinations.

"I'm sure people will want to have the vaccination, but this shipment is probably the last," Godec

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Former MSU professor goes on trial for alleged child rape

By The Associated Press

DNA evidence was at the center of opening arguments in the trial of a former Murray State University professor accused of raping a 2 1/2-year-old girl.

Prosecutors said Thomas Robinson-III's DNA was found on the child's underwear, but defense attorney Billy Martin told a Calloway Circuit Court jury Tuesday that DNA has been distorted and manipulated in the case.

Martin, a Washington, D.C.-based attorney, also said the assault might have happened at a day-care center. Martin said the child had started attending the center nine days before the assault.

"This case is truly a tragedy," he said. "She was hurt ... and the person who hurt her is still out there."

Special Prosecutor Jim Harris told the jury the evidence points to Robinson. Harris said Robinson used the child as a "sexual toy" on May 31. The owner of the day-care center and his son were cleared by police, Harris said.

The trial before Judge Dennis Foust resumed this morning. Robinson is expected to take the stand later in the week.

Robinson was an assistant professor of psychology at Murray State during the 1997-98 school year.

He has since left the university.



Melvin Henley

Republican candidate for 5th District state rep. seat

Henley: Community at heart of state run

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Melvin Henley says he's not a politician. He's a manager of people and resources. And he's running for 5th District state representative.

"I've never run for office unless there is a need," Henley said in an interview at the Ledger & Times. "I'm not really a politician. I just am good at managing people."

Henley, 68, served on the Murray City Council from 1972 until he was elected mayor in 1978. He was mayor until 1982 and served again as a councilman from 1997 to 1999. In 1998, he unsuccessfully ran for Calloway County judge-executive against incumbent Larry Elkins.

If he's elected state representative in next year's election, he will donate his salary to a Murray State University scholarship account — just as he's done every other time he's served in an elected public office.

"I'm running for the benefit of the community, not for my benefit," Henley said. "I've never taken money for public service."

Henley said the timing is good for him to run for state representative as a Republican because Ernie

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A liberal among Illinois moderates, former Sen. Simon dies

By The Associated Press
 SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Paul Simon built a political career out of contradictions. He was an unabashed liberal who almost never lost an election in a state that favors moderates. He maintained a spotless reputation and nice-guy image for 50 years while flourishing in the anything-goes world of Illinois and national politics, with its history of corruption.



Simon

of writing public policy books, he projected a scholarly image. Yet he never graduated from college and knew how to poke fun at himself, even appearing on "Saturday Night Live" during his run for president in 1988.

Simon, 75, died Tuesday from complications of heart surgery. He had undergone heart bypass and valve surgery Monday at St. John's Prairie Heart Institute, where he also had heart surgery in 1999. The cause of death was extensive bowel ischemia, in which blood stopped flowing to the intestines and caused the release of toxic material into his body, said Dr. James Dove, president of the institute.

Through hard work and plainspoken charm, Simon connected with people, from conservative farmers to the Democratic machine politicians of Chicago. A longtime resident of southern Illinois, he rose to national prominence in the Senate and as a presidential candidate.

"If you relied on a political image-maker to pick the candidate, he never would have

picked Paul Simon. He wore those horn-rimmed glasses and bow ties," said Sen. Dick Durbin, a Simon protege, "but he captured the hearts of people."

Simon entered the public arena in 1948, when he bought a weekly newspaper and began crusading against crime and corruption. Six years later, he entered politics and was elected to the Illinois House. By the time he retired, in 1997, he had been a state senator, lieutenant governor, congressman, U.S. senator and presidential candidate.

Even after leaving the Senate, Simon remained active in public affairs, founding the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University and writing books.

He served on commissions that recommended overhauls of the Illinois death penalty system and state ethics laws. The death penalty reforms were approved last month, and the ethics changes were signed

into law on the day he died.

"His legacy is clean government, good government and concentration on what government ought to be doing and not on what it can do for me," said former Gov. Dan Walker, who defeated Simon in the 1972 governor's race.

Walker is among many Illinois politicians who have been dogged by scandal or convicted of public corruption. But Simon remained unscathed.

People who knew him say Simon was just as square as he appeared to be. His idea of cursing was "By George," they said, and his major vice was an addiction to Pepsi. He unwound with a rousing chorus of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain."

Yet Simon was also a shrewd politician. Lary Douglas, Massac County Democratic chairman and a Simon friend for 30 years, said then-Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley

helped get Simon elected to Congress in 1974 after his unsuccessful bid for governor.

Simon was a longtime advocate of restrictions on political donations. Yet he didn't adopt those restrictions for himself, arguing that it was unrealistic to follow limits that did not apply to his opponents.

While interested in esoteric policy issues, Simon also emphasized the retail end of politics. He held endless town meetings. He remembered people's names. He visited with local powerbrokers. He cut through red tape to deliver government services.

Even his bowtie had a pragmatic origin, according to the Rev. Robert Edgar, who served in Congress with Simon. Edgar said Simon once told him that he wore it in a debate during his first legislative race. The next day, a newspaper said "that guy with the bowtie" made the most sense, so Simon kept wearing it.

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Correction

A name of a Murray State December graduate was incorrect. It should have read Mitchell Craig.

The Murray Ledger & Times strives to ensure accurate and fair reporting, however mistakes occasionally occur. It is the Ledger's policy to correct errors. To report a news mistake or error, please call 753-1916.

Town Crier

The following is an event that are of interest to our readers:

- NOTICES**
- The Murray-Calloway County Hospital CEO Search Committee will meet Thursday at 11 a.m. in the board room. The committee will go into executive session. At 11:30 a.m., the MCCCH board of commissioners will meet.
- The Murray City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall. Two annexation items are on the agenda. Prior to that the Public Works Committee will meet at 6 p.m.
- The Calloway County Board of Education will meet in regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. at Calloway County Preschool behind the high school. Items on the agenda include the 2002-03 audit report, vehicle purchase recommendation and proposed fence for the athletic complex.
- The Murray Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Murray Elementary School. The agenda includes second reading regarding MHS graduation requirements.
- The Murray-Calloway County Park Board will meet Monday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce building.

Two U.S. soldiers killed, four wounded in attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two U.S. soldiers were killed and four wounded in separate attacks today in the northern city of Mosul, the military said. American troops in another northern city arrested five Iraqi policemen and 24 others, suspected of ties to insurgents.

Also today, the military said the emergency landing of a U.S. helicopter near Fallujah, west of Baghdad, was likely the result of ground fire by insurgents.

In the Mosul attacks, guerrillas fired on soldiers guarding a gasoline station, killing one and injuring another, said a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

A few hours later, guerrillas detonated a roadside bomb and opened fire on a U.S. military convoy,

killing one soldier and wounding three others, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

At the gas station, U.S. soldiers returned fire and killed one assailant, the spokesman said. But witnesses said the attackers escaped, and that U.S. troops opened fire on passing cars, killing a driver.

Witnesses identified the driver as a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, or PUK, a major pro-American political party. The PUK's Mosul headquarters is across the street from the gas station.

An Associated Press reporter saw blood stains at the spot where witnesses said the soldiers had stood, and a bullet-riddled and blood-stained car said to belong to the PUK member.

Early today, U.S. troops and Iraqi

police in the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk arrested 29 people, including five policemen, who were suspected of ties to the former regime of Saddam Hussein, said Adnan Mohammed Saleh, a city police officer.

Saleh said the policemen were suspected of passing intelligence to anti-occupation rebels.

In the downing of the helicopter, the U.S. military said the OH-58D Kiowa observation helicopter took fire Tuesday just south of the town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, and was forced to make an emergency landing.

A U.S. military official who declined to be identified said Wednesday that a preliminary examination indicated the aircraft had been brought down by small-

arms fire or a projectile fired from the ground. Neither of the two crew members was injured.

It was the fifth U.S. helicopter downed in Iraq in just over five weeks.

Fallujah has been a focus of resistance to the U.S. occupation, although the city has been relatively peaceful of late. The town sits in the heart of the Sunni Triangle where the majority of attacks on American forces have occurred since the ouster of Saddam.

In Baghdad on Wednesday, 3,000 funeral marchers mourned three men killed in a bombing of a Sunni mosque a day earlier.

The mosque's imam, Farouk Khamis, accused Shiite Muslim extremists of carrying out the deadly attack.

Flu ...

From Front

said. "We are still encouraging people who are at risk to call their health department to see if vaccines are available."

In a typical year, 70 to 75 million Americans receive a flu shot, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Manufacturers produced about 83 million doses of flu vaccines and the United States has never used more than 80 million doses in a season, according to the CDC.

"CDC officials note that it is not unusual at this time of the year for influenza vaccine suppliers to be limited as many health care providers begin to wind down their vaccination programs," according to a CDC release. "Therefore, people wishing to be vaccinated may need to be persistent to find vaccine."

With an earlier onset of the flu season, high-risk individuals should be vaccinated against the flu. Individuals with a high risk of being diagnosed with the illness include people 50 years old and older, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities and children 6 months old and older who have chronic heart or lung problems.

Winters ...

From Front

of state office in the next few days.

Born in Marion, Winters attended Murray State from 1953 to 1957. He later earned his master's degree from Indiana University and his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado.

He spent his last 11 years at Murray State as dean of the College of Industry and Technology before serving as president at Campbellsville from 1988 to 1999. He then retired and returned to Murray.

Henley ...

From Front

Fletcher was sworn in Tuesday as the state's first GOP governor in more than three decades. Steve Pence is the state's new lieutenant governor.

"Many local officials supported the losing candidate for governor," Henley said. "The people need to have a voice in Frankfort that can call the governor's office and have him answer. I have been assured Fletcher and Pence will do that. That's the primary reason I'm running — I think Calloway County and Trigg County need leadership that can work with the current administration."

Born in Hickory Valley, Tenn., Henley has lived in Calloway County since he was 3 years old, when he was raised by his great-uncle.

With a diverse resume of experience beyond his career as a chemistry professor, Henley said he has been effective on a variety of boards, including Murray Main

Street Board of Directors, Murray State University Board of Regents, Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Directors and Purchase Area Water Quality Commission. He has been a member of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority Board of Directors since 2001.

Henley, who spent four years in the U.S. Air Force, earned his bachelor of science degree in chemistry, mathematics and physics from Murray State University in 1961. He also has a Ph.D. in physics and chemistry from the University of Mississippi and a master's in business administration from Murray State.

From 1964 to 1978, Henley worked as a chemistry professor at Murray State. After serving as mayor, he returned to that position from 1982 to 2000, including chairing the chemistry department from 1987 to 1992.

Henley also developed Coach Estates and Fox Meadows manufactured home communities in Murray. He continues to own and operate the 175 residential units. He is a partner of Murray Industrial Warehousing Inc., a storage and delivery facility for industrial packaging material and supplies.

Economic development is Henley's priority. He said Kentucky's 5th District needs more jobs and higher paying jobs and his scientific backgrounds lends itself well to problem-solving strategies in the business arena.

"The Purchase Area has lost hundreds and hundreds of jobs," he said. "Murray has been good at attracting business. We have an excellent track record in economic development and I hope to carry that track record to Frankfort. You don't create jobs by accident."

When Pella opened a corporate office in the summer of 2002, it helped boost Murray's economy, Henley said. But the area still needs to attract additional companies.

"Our biggest problem here is underemployment," he said. "We have high-quality people here who need jobs so we need better jobs, not just more jobs."

Henley will face incumbent Buddy Buckingham in next year's election. Buckingham, 70, a Democrat, announced in mid-October that he planned to run for a fourth term to represent Trigg and Calloway counties. The filing deadline is Jan. 27, 2004, for next year's election.

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Fletcher freezes state hiring

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — In one of his first official acts as governor, Ernie Fletcher signed an executive order Tuesday putting a hiring freeze in place for any vacant state jobs.

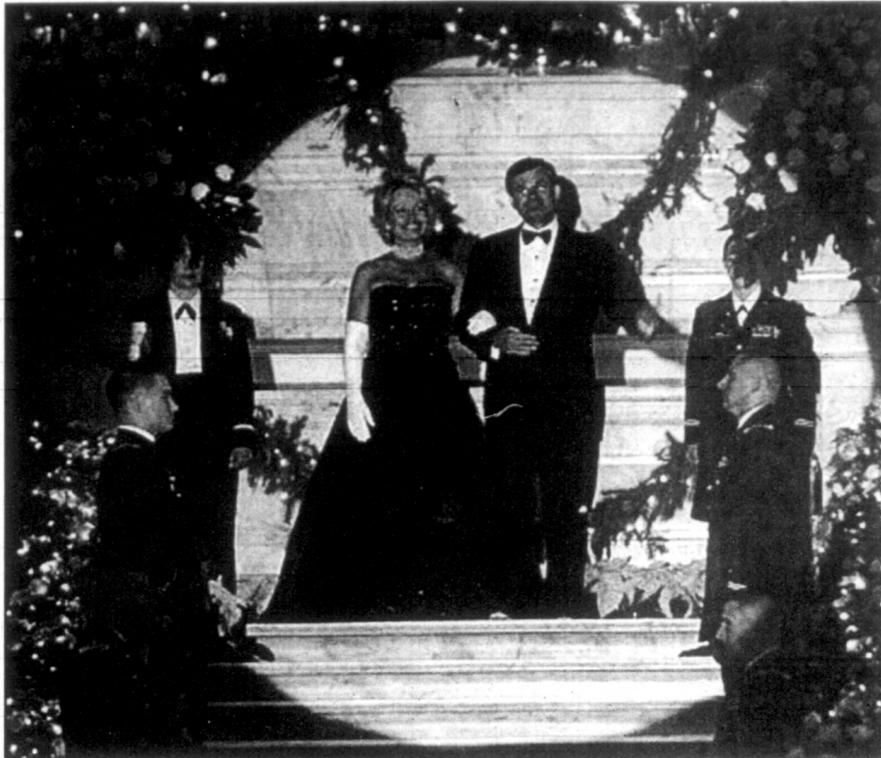
Currently, there were approximately 4,000 open slots throughout state government that would remain unfilled because of the order, Fletcher said. Following the order, Fletcher said the positions would be re-evaluated to see which positions, if any, could be eliminated.

"This is a real, comprehensive freeze," Fletcher told reporters while sitting behind his desk in his new office at the state Capitol.

Fletcher was sworn in as governor just after midnight Tuesday, followed by a day filled with an inaugural parade, a public ceremonial swearing-in and inaugural balls scheduled for the evening. Fletcher became Kentucky's first Republican governor in more than three decades.

Previously, Fletcher's other official acts were to officially appoint some of his cabinet secretaries.

Tuesday's "comprehensive freeze" was aimed at streamlining state government, Fletcher said. Still, he left himself the authority to approve some positions to be filled as necessary.



Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his wife Glenna are highlighted by a spotlight as they descend the stairs in the Great Hall during the Grand March at the Capitol Tuesday

Sen. McConnell tries pre-emptive strike against Chandler

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell on Tuesday talked tough about Democrat Ben Chandler, should he run for the congressional seat given up by newly inaugurated Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

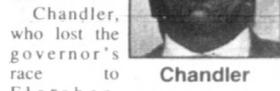


McConnell

"The best day Chandler's going to have is the day he announces," McConnell told reporters at Fletcher's inaugural ceremonies. "It will be downhill from there. It will be a rough road for him until February 17th," the date Fletcher has indicated for a special election for completion of his two-year term.

Republican electors from counties of the 6th District are to meet Saturday to select a candidate for a special election. Democrats plan to pick a candidate Monday. The winner of the special election, should he or she want to keep the seat beyond

year's end, would have to also file as a candidate in the regular May primaries.



Chandler

Chandler, who lost the governor's race to Fletcher, seems to be the choice of many within his party. Chandler has declined to say whether he will run.

Chandler, of Versailles, is well known in the district. McConnell, known for his bare-knuckle style of politics, wouldn't lay out a GOP strategy against Chandler. "You can use your own imagination," he told reporters.

McConnell's favorite for the open seat is Republican state Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr of Lexington. His political action committee gave Kerr's campaign \$10,000.

"I think she's put together an outstanding team. I think she has the ability to put this in the win column for us," McConnell said.

Fletcher ...

From Front

Democratic opponent — no tax increases; instead, a promise to cut the size of the executive branch bureaucracy.

Fletcher said merger of some cabinet agencies would be among his first official acts. "Greater prosperity for all is coming," Fletcher said, delivering one of several applause lines.

Fletcher was already governor when Chief Justice Joseph Lambert ceremonially administered the oath of office on the Capitol steps. In keeping with tradition, he had been sworn in during a private ceremony at midnight, when Gov. Paul Patton's term expired.

Fletcher simultaneously resigned as congressman for central Kentucky's 6th District.

As provided in the 1891 Kentucky Constitution, the inauguration took place five weeks after the general election — an election affected at least in part by scandal.

Patton, 66, was seven years into what many considered a productive administration focused on education and the economy when news of a two-year relationship with former nursing home owner Tina Conner led him into political retirement.

Patton and first lady Judi Patton had front row seats beside Fletcher and his family. Three of the state's six other living former governors also attended — Louie B. Nunn, the state's last Republican governor until Fletcher, and Democrats Julian Carroll and John Y. Brown Jr.

Former Govs. Wendell Ford, Martha Layne Collins and Brereton Jones were absent.

Fletcher was introduced by his father, Harold Fletcher Sr., who spoke warmly about his son's accomplishment. "Every parent wants the best for their children," the elder Fletcher said. "You live through them and you dream through them."

The inaugural ceremony itself was history mingled with technology — and the modern mania for security.

The Capitol, completed in 1910, was decked the old-fashioned way with red and blue bunting. But Fletcher delivered his speech with a TelePrompTer, and the ceremony was beamed through two giant screen televisions to bystanders who

Fletcher, cabinet secretary help man who faints at reception

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — While Gov. Ernie Fletcher was getting acclimated to his new job as governor, he had to resort back to the doctor in him.

A man collapsed Tuesday at an inaugural reception for state lawmakers on the second floor of the Capitol. The man's identity was not released.

Fletcher and Dr. James W. Holsinger, the new secretary of the Cabinet for Health Services, were nearby and helped the man.

"The individual lost consciousness for a few seconds, and myself and Dr. Holsinger just made sure that he was OK," Fletcher said. "He was fine."

Fletcher practiced medicine between his stints as Air Force pilot and U.S. congressman. Holsinger is also a medical doctor.

lacked tickets for seating. A pair of Kentucky State Police "special response" teams kept watch from the Capitol roof.

Fletcher, a physician and engineer by training, was initially a reluctant politician. He took the plunge in 1994 when Lexington-

area Republicans recruited him to run for a state House seat.

Fletcher won that race but his was a bumpy start. Democrats who controlled the House gerrymandered him out of his district after a single term. Fletcher then ran for the 6th District congressional seat in 1996.

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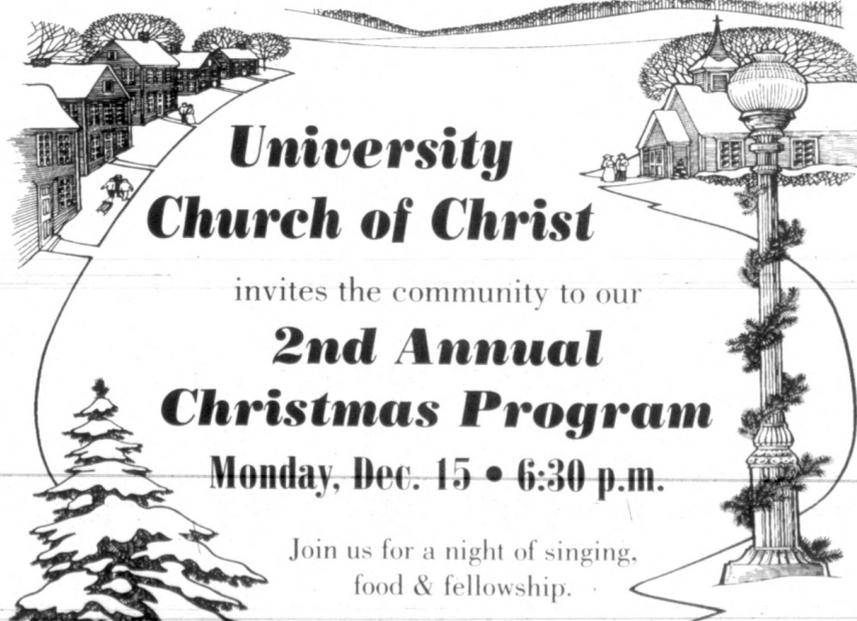
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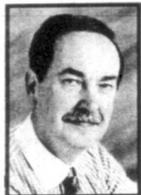
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Education the Chinese Way

Some American high school students will be taught Chinese language and culture under a \$1.4 million program financed by the Beijing government.



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist

The Advanced Placement program will be the second of its kind paid for by a foreign government (not counting Saudi Arabia's Wahhabi subsidy of Islamic schools in this country). A similar program underwritten by the Italian government was announced in September.

China's ambassador to the United States, Yang Jiechi, and the president of the College Board, former West Virginia Gov. Gaston Caperton, announced the program last week. The College Board will conduct tests to measure course results. At a Washington, D.C., news conference, Caperton said, "Our education system needs to respond to an increasing interconnected global economy and to the growing cultural diversity in the United States."

There are a number of questions that should be asked, not the least of which is: When will the Chinese Communists allow Americans into their high schools to teach about capitalism, freedom, God and what really happened at Tiananmen Square in 1989 when the government slaughtered thousands of its own people who wanted nothing more than freedom? It would appear that "diversity" will be a one-way education street.

Bob Schaeffer, public education director for the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, had another good question: "What are the Chinese and Italian governments buying for their sponsorship? Will they be able to specify or influence the content of the exam, which is, in turn, designed to drive the (Advanced Placement) course curriculum? Can they, for example, urge the inclusion of reading passages from the 'Little Red Book'?"

Caperton called such comments "foolish." But there is something far more foolish. Increasingly our public schools are afraid to teach students about America. In some history books there is more about popular culture than the Founders. We used to teach the history, beliefs and traditions of this country. Now it appears we fear those things because other groups with competing interests (including some with anti-American interests) are per-

suaing educators it is wrong to prefer one nation and its beliefs over others. Some even teach that America ought not to lord it over other nations by thinking too highly of itself. So, then, why aren't Americans fleeing to all of those "better" nations instead of vast numbers of immigrants wanting to come here?

The education problems in the United States won't be solved by the Chinese and Italians. In September, the Manhattan Institute released a survey (funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) that found only 70 percent of all students in public high schools graduate, and only 32 percent of all students leave high school qualified to attend four-year colleges. The rates are particularly bad for blacks and Hispanics, with just 51 percent of black students and 52 percent of Hispanic students graduating, and 20 percent of blacks and 16 percent of Hispanics ready for college.

The trends in American public education have not always been encouraging. Long-term trends in science and math showed declines in the 1970s and early '80s, followed by modest increases, according to Department of Education figures. But an education is more than regurgitating "facts" on a test. It is about, as Alexander Pope noted, forming "the common mind. Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

We are losing our "common mind" and what it means to be an American. It is being replaced with a watered-down "multiculturalism" that neither advances unique American ideals nor, it would appear from test results, propels many students toward the advantages of a truly educated mind.

Contemporary students know more about sex than about Shakespeare, more about the environment than about T.S. Eliot, more about popular culture than about Thomas Paine. How can foreign governments possibly teach American students how to become better and more educated Americans? Sadly, that does not appear to be the objective of the Advanced Placement program. It should be the objective of every American and the policy of our government.

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An Array of Choices

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elderly patients are about to confront numerous and sometimes difficult choices as a result of the most far-reaching changes to Medicare in four decades, including a new prescription drug benefit.

Beginning in 2006, seniors who want the optional drug benefit will have to choose whether to enroll in a stand-alone drug plan or move from traditional Medicare to a managed care plan that offers drug and other benefits not covered by traditional Medicare.

They'll be making comparisons among plans that do not necessarily offer precisely the same coverage and if they don't enroll in the drug program right away, they'll pay a penalty to enroll later.

Still, President Bush sought to reassure Medicare recipients on Monday that the government would provide detailed explanations of their choices and he said the new drug benefit "will save our seniors from a lot of worry."

The government will spend nearly \$400 billion over the next 10 years to subsidize prescription drug coverage, which begins January 2006. At the same time, the government will encourage insurance companies to offer private plans to millions of older Americans who now receive health care benefits under terms fixed by the federal government.

"Medicine has changed but Medicare has not — until today," Bush said at a signing ceremony for the bill, the president's top domes-

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tic priority. "Our seniors are fully capable of making health care choices, and this bill allows them to do that."

The president spoke in front of a large blue banner with a prescription sign and the words, "Keeping Our Promise to Seniors."

Republicans hailed the signing as a political triumph they could use in next year's election to neutralize Democrats' historical advantage on issues regarding the elderly.

"Democratic leaders have lashed out at us, at the president and AARP," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas said. "But Democrats have no one to blame but themselves for their abject failure on health care. We wanted a bill, they just wanted an issue, and now the American people know who took their concerns seriously."

Democrats pledged to fight in the Republican-controlled Congress for changes in the law, principally for measures to bring down the price of prescription drugs.

"President Bush and the Republicans in Congress missed a historic opportunity and rammed through a cruel hoax that does nothing to reduce the high costs of prescription drugs," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Republicans wrote into the new law a provision expressly prohibiting the government from using its vast purchasing power to control drug prices. Democrats in the House and Senate are backing legislation to authorize the government

to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies.

The first tangible result of the Medicare law will be prescription drug discount cards that the president said would take effect in June. He said seniors will receive a mailing in the spring to explain the card, which will cost no more than \$30 a year. It will offer discounts that Bush said will range from 10 percent to 25 percent off retail prices. Critics say the promise of savings is wildly inflated.

The discount drug card will offer the administration a test run of how well it can explain seniors' choices.

The cards will be sponsored by insurance companies, wholesale and retail pharmacies and pharmacy benefit managers that now administer drug insurance programs for companies and the government.

The cards are likely to offer different discounts for different drugs made by different companies, so seniors will have to choose the drug card that meshes best with their prescription medicines.

Bush also sought to allay seniors' fears that they would be forced to change health plans. "If you don't want to change your current coverage, you don't have to change," Bush said.

But that option may not exist for some seniors. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 2.7 million retirees will lose the drug coverage they now receive from former employers, although other projections are that a much smaller number will have their existing private benefits dropped.

Seniors who now rely on supple-

mental insurance to defray the cost of prescription drugs can choose to keep those so-called Medigap policies instead of signing up for the new benefit, the White House said. However, seniors will not be allowed to enroll in both a Medigap plan and the new prescription drug plan.

Some current Medicaid beneficiaries — among the poorest of seniors — could see the number of different drugs now available to them restricted once they are shifted to the Medicare plan, several health analysts said.

However, the new Medicare plan will pay all drug costs of seniors with incomes below \$12,123 — \$16,363 for a couple — as long as their savings do not exceed \$6,000. There are declining subsidies for people with slightly higher incomes.

After paying for the first \$250 in prescriptions, other seniors will be responsible for 25 percent of the next \$2,000 in drug costs. Between \$2,250 and \$5,100 in drug costs, the government will pay nothing. Over \$5,100 the government pays 95 percent of prescription costs. That works out to \$3,600 in annual out-of-pocket drug costs before the 95 percent coverage kicks in.

The monthly premium for the drug plan is estimated to be a national average of \$35 in 2006. But the exact shape and cost of the drug benefit also could differ from one region of the country to the next. And nothing in the law precludes private insurers from offering more generous but also more costly plans.

Why Al's Backing Dean

It's payback time for Al Gore.



Morris Advisory
By Dick Morris

Dissatisfied at how thoroughly forgotten he is among active Democrats and resentful of all the attention Sen. Hillary Clinton, his White House rival, is getting, Al has reportedly decided to flank the Clintons by backing Howard Dean for president.

Forget the November election. The fight we are witnessing is a battle for control of the Democratic Party. In one corner stand the Clintons, sending contender after contender out to center ring in an effort to stop Dean from taking over their party. First Joe Lieberman came limping back. Then Wesley Clark ran away from the early primaries

and forfeited the match. And now John Kerry is so far behind in New Hampshire that he is down for the count.

In the other corner is Dean, backed by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. and now Gore, battling to take the party away from Hillary and craft a new Democratic left. Rejecting Clintonian, Democratic Leadership Council-style moderation, Dean and Gore are letting their liberalism hang out as they garner popularity on the left.

The tail is taking over the dog. One-third of Americans are Democrats. One-third of the Democrats are liberal activists backing Dean. And now they are dictating policy to the entire party.

Dean has mobilized this new power to get power; now Gore is using it to get his relevance back.

Hillary, anxious to keep pace in the move to the left and stay the leader of the party, goes to Iraq and on the talk shows to bolster her image as a liberal, living down her vote for the war resolution. She sees the decade-long reign of sanity in the Democratic Party leadership

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from Hillary and Bill. Gore likely knows that Dean won't win. But by backing him, he begins to carve out his own identity in the post-Bill Clinton, post-moderation post-sanity Democratic era.

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Mrs. Margaret Duff

Mrs. Margaret Duff, 69, Eddyville, sister of Cecil McLeod of Murray, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at 11:55 p.m. at her home. She was a retired Lyon County school custodian. Her husband, Carl Duff Sr., five sisters and three brothers all preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Joe McLeod and Claudia Wilson McLeod.

Survivors include one daughter, Ms. Gloria Ann Duff, Eddyville; three sons, Carl David Duff Jr., Jimmy Dale Duff and Robert Wayne Duff, all of Eddyville; two sisters, Mrs. Loudell Brindley, Eddyville, and Mrs. Maude Herring, Calvert City; three brothers, Billy McLeod, Calvert City, George McLeod, Grand Rivers, and Cecil McLeod, Murray; three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Eddyville Second Baptist Church. The Rev. Wayne Glass will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rolling Hills Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Dunn's Funeral Home, Eddyville, from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) and at the church after 10 a.m. Thursday.

Wayne J. Flora

The funeral for Wayne J. Flora will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Dr. Wendell Ray will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery with Masonic rites at the graveside.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Experience the Journey Fund, First Baptist Church, 203 South 4th St., Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mr. Flora, 88, Payne Street, Murray, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at 7:10 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He served as sheriff of Calloway County from 1950 to 1954; was a retired agent for Commonwealth Insurance; Army veteran of World War II; member and past master of Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons; and a member of First Baptist Church and of Baraca Sunday school class at the church.

Born Nov. 8, 1915, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Jackson Flora and Edmona Wyatt Flora McCuiston. Also preceding him in death was a sister, Loy White, and a half brother, Guy McCuiston.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Fay Nell Anderson Flora, to whom he was married Dec. 14, 1951; three daughters, Mrs. Rachel Koeniger and husband, Cash, Brownsburg, Va., Mrs. Gingy Grider and husband, Jim, Louisville, and Mrs. Janie Ellis and husband, Terry, Clarksville, Tenn.; one brother, L.D. Flora, Murray; six grandchildren, Lindsey, Aaron and Zackary Ryan, Anderson Koeniger and Molly and Maggie Ellis.

Mrs. Jenny Emerine

Mrs. Jenny Emerine, 61, Mayfield, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at 11:40 p.m. at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.

She was a member of 7th & College Church of Christ, Mayfield. One brother, Jerry Brewer, preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Robert Brewer and Zela Morris Brewer.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharie Emerine, and one son, Gary Emerine, both of Murray; two grandsons.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Brown Funeral Home, Mayfield. Bro. Hilton Royster will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Dan Morris, Donald Morris, Mike Mayfield, Robert Geurin, Charles Tutt and Gary Emerine. Burial will follow in the Highland Park Cemetery, Mayfield.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Bertie Martha Allmon

Mrs. Bertie Martha Allmon, 60, Ledbetter, sister of Joe Harris McKendree of New Concord, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at 8:50 p.m. at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

She had been assistant manager of Smoke Shop of Paducah and a waitress at Shoney's and Little Castle restaurants. She was a member of Woodlawn Cumberland Presbyterian Church, American Legion and Eagles Club, Paducah.

One son, Kenneth Allmon, and one brother, Buddy Lee McKendree, both preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Haze McKendree and Lucille Green McKendree.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Tammy Manea, Paducah, six grandchildren, Sean, Seth, Jonathan, Andrew, Kenny and Willow; four sisters, Mrs. Anna Lou Ford and Ms. Mary J. McKendree, both of Paducah, Mrs. Sharlet T. Dover, Benton, and Mrs. Donna Scheffer, Cabot, Ark.; three brothers, Robert Earl McKendree, Smithland, Joe Harris McKendree, New Concord, and Arvil McKendree, Paducah.

Graveside rites will be today (Wednesday) at noon at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Lone Oak. The Rev. Mike Scheffer will officiate.

Visitation is now at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to American Cancer Society, 3140 Parisa Dr., Paducah, Ky., 42003, or American Legion Toy Run Fund, 402 Legion Dr., Paducah, Ky., 42003.

Mrs. Sandra Carol Holcomb

Mrs. Sandra Carol Holcomb, 61, Holiday Drive, Murray, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at 8:33 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Her death was from a heart attack.

A psychologist for the Christian County School System, she was a member of St. Leo Catholic Church. She was born June 1, 1942, in Bowling Green.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas F. Holcomb; two daughters, Mrs. Misianna Barnes, Shelbyville, and Mrs. Deidra Barlow, Naples, Fla.; one son, Tom Holcomb, Murray; one granddaughter, Kailee Barnes; one brother, Bill Kirby, Hermitage, Tenn.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

L.D. Cathey

L.D. Cathey, 66, Murray, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at 6:20 p.m. at his home.

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

Thomas Eugene Davis

Thomas Eugene Davis, 73, Oak Grove Circle, Benton, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at 10:30 p.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

A retired bus driver and custodian for the Marshall County School system, he was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Preceding him in death were one sister, Ruby Griggs, and two brothers, Joe W. Davis and Curt Davis. He was the son of the late Charlie Davis and Esmia Jones Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Threessa Overby Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Tina Blevins, Calvert City; one son, David Eugene Davis, and one brother, Edward Davis, both of Illinois; three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Jimmy Seaford will officiate. Burial will follow in the Temple Hill Cemetery at Almo.

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

Roy S. West

The funeral for Roy S. West will be today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Brown Funeral Home, Mayfield. Bro. William Strong and Bro. Carl Cooper will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Harland Osbourne, Paul Skaggs, Bobby Wiggins, and Shawn, Shannon and Corey West, active; John, Jerry and Jackie Griffith, Jeff and Todd Williams, and Michael Gordon and Sammie West, honorary. Burial will follow in the Lynnville Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation is now at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Lourdes Hospice, 2855 Jackson St., Paducah, KY 42001.

Mr. West, 73, Tri-City, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at 10:05 p.m. at his home.

Retired from Rhodes Supply, he attended Lynnville Baptist Church. One brother, Clarence West, preceded him in death. He was the son of the late Connie West and Necie Johnson West.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maxine Canter West, to whom he had been married for 56 years; two sons, Ronnie West, Cuba, and Gary West, Tri-City; one sister, Mrs. Irene Hendrickson, Mayfield; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.



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Quote of the Week: "Life does not move so fast that there is not enough time for courtesy." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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you create and preserve this memory for your child. Here's how it works. Work with your child as they write their letter to Santa. Secretly craft a response from Santa and mail it in a second envelope to North Pole, Alaska Post Office. The Postal elves will postmark and mail Santa's response back to your child. To make this holiday activity especially enjoyable, follow these suggested guidelines:

•Beyond the traditional, "here's what I want" list, ask your child to write why the holiday season is special.

•Teach the child that proper addressing techniques include a return address - otherwise Santa may not write back.



Greetings from Dexter

By Peggy Smith
Dexter Postmaster

•After you take the letter and tell the child you'll mail it, keep it in a safe place until you can write Santa's response. If your child recognizes your handwriting, ask a friend or neighbor to rewrite it.

•To make Santa's response extra special, beyond reminding the child that Santa knows if they've been bad or good, add a positive line or two about the child's recent accomplishment that was not included in the letter to Santa.

•As a P.S., Santa might want to remind the child to be in bed at a certain hour, and hint that he and his reindeer appreciate holiday snacks left near the tree.

•Place Santa's response in a stamped envelope addressed to the child, and be sure to include the North Pole as the return address.

•Place this envelope into a larger, properly stamped, First-Class Mail or Priority Mail envelope and mail it to:

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The North Pole Post Office will postmark Santa's reply and place it in the mail stream.

• Make sure your camera's ready to record the excitement.

• Save your child's letter, Santa's response, and the photo. Present them to your child years later in an album as a special gift.

North Pole postmark requests must arrive in Fairbanks before Dec. 15, 2003. As it gets closer to the holidays, consider mailing requests via Express Mail.

Customers interested in obtaining the North Pole postmark on greeting cards should mail to the same address. Make sure that stamped envelopes have inserts. Empty envelopes can be damaged by high-speed sorting equipment.

The Postal Service does not maintain a national "Letters to Santa" program. In 1912, Post-

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YMCA accepting applications for 2004 Y-Indoor Soccer League



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

YMCA of Murray-Calloway County is now accepted registrations for the 2004 Y-Indoor Soccer League for kids between the ages 5 to 10.

The season will run from Jan. 17 to Feb. 28 with games scheduled for Saturday mornings and practices for Friday evenings.

Parents may register their children anytime during open hours at the YMCA, 808 Chestnut St., across the street from Chestnut Park. Registration fee is \$30 per child. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Housing Authority to offer course

Housing Authority of Murray has announced another round of the C-Tech Prep Course and is looking for students to enroll for the February 2004 class. This course involves phone line, coaxial cable, computer network cable and fiber optic termination, installation and troubleshooting. Entry-level jobs with the telephone company, Internet service providers, cable companies or even local electric companies can be expected with this type of certifications. For more information call Faye Dodd at 753-5000 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Glory Bound Entertainment Thursday

Glory Bound Entertainment will meet at Goshen United Methodist Church on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Pacemakers from Paducah will be the featured entertainers. Each one is asked to bring a can of food for Need Line. There is no admission, but a love offering will be taken. This is an outreach ministry of the church and the public is invited. Please note change in meeting place.

Dance Showcase on Thursday

The Dance Studio will present "Christmas Dance Showcase" for family and friends on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. at the ballroom of Murray State University Curris Center.

Stroke/Head Injury Group will meet

Stroke/Head Injury Support Group for survivors and caregivers will have a Christmas party and dinner Thursday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Dinner and entertainment will be provided at no cost. For information call Cheryl Crouch at 762-1557 or Amy Agyeman at 270-293-4113.

NARFE meeting is Thursday

Murray/Kentucky Lake Chapter 0853 of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will have its Christmas luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 11, at noon in the main dining room of Kenlake State Resort Park North. Richard Huddleston, president, urges all members and interested persons to attend.

Advent services will be at church

Advent services will be tonight, Dec. 10, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. A soup supper will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the worship service at 7:15 p.m. "Come and worship with us and get ready for the Christ of Christmas' arrival," said the Rev. Dr. Chad Foster, pastor.

Clothes Closet open on Thursday

Dexter Baptist Church Clothes Closet is open each Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the church in Dexter. Featured are infants to adult clothes which are free to those needing them. For information call Linda Young at 437-4890.

Campbell Estates Association will meet

Campbell Estates Neighborhood Association will meet Thursday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the meeting room of Calloway Public Library. All residents are urged to attend.

Zeta Department plans meeting

Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the club house. Oneida White and Margery Shown will present a Christmas musical program. Hostesses will be Helen Foley, Barbara Erwin, Neva Grey Allbritten and Charlotte Barker.

Veterans' assistance available

Ron McClure, regional field representative of Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, will be at the National Guard Armory, Highway 121 North, Murray, on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. He will provide counseling assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. For information call 1-877-812-0840 or 1-270-247-1131.

'Santa's Workshop' now open

"Santa's Workshop" of the Resource Centers of Murray and Calloway County is now open in the Beshear gym of the former Boy Scout museum on North 16th Street, Murray. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sponsors are needed to buy clothing and toys for children in the amount of \$35 to \$75. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child or making a monetary donation, contact the Family Resource Centers at 762-7333 or 759-9592.

Festival of Lights continues at local park

"A Festival of Lights" will continue through Monday, Dec. 29, beginning at 6 p.m. each night by Murray-Calloway County Parks and Recreation, along with Murray-Calloway County United Way. "Christmas in The Park, showcasing local groups singing Christmas carols will be from 6 to 7 p.m. for "12 Days of Christmas" from Dec. 6-17. Santa will be available to take pictures with pets Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Donations of \$2 per carload or four to six non-perishable food items will be collected at Christmas in The Park. All proceeds will go to Need Line and Parks Department. For information call 762-0325.

Delta Kappa Gamma



Photo provided

Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Cafe on Carr in Fulton for the November meeting. Special guest and state president Janice James, from Louisville, presented the program. Pictured with James are Betty Gore, Gamma President and hostesses Coralyn Bugg, Edna Lynn Radford, Melinda Paul and Shirley Byassee. The next meeting will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. for a brunch at the MSU Curris Center's Mississippi Room.

Tri-State Exotic Bird Fair and Supply Sale to be in Paducah

The Tri-State Exotic Bird Fair and Supply Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at JR's Executive Inn Riverfront, Paducah.

Special guest will be "The Bird Whisperer," Jesse James (a parrot psychologist) who tames wild birds and solves parrot behavioral problems for public viewing and education.

Persons may bring their pets in for wing clipping, nail trimming and one-on-one consultation with the Avian experts. Many vendors will be present.

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Christian Women of Murray



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Susan O'Neill, left, and Zula Sykes were hostesses for the November meeting of the Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

McDougal presents program at meeting of Garden Dept.

Johnny McDougal was the featured speaker at the November meeting of the Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

McDougal spoke about how to prepare gourds for decoration and also displayed his decorative art work that he created with his home grown gourds.

His gourds were made for decorations for all seasons including Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving and all kinds of special occasions.

Myrtle Douglass was presented a certificate for her being in the department for 50 years. Hostesses were Susan O'Neill and Zula Sykes.

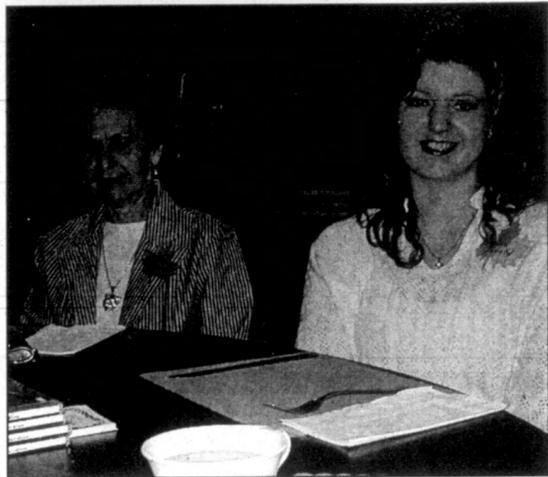
Memory ...

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master General Fred H. Hitchcock first authorized postmasters to allow individuals or institutions to use letters addressed to "Santa Claus" for philanthropic purposes. Today many children and people in need benefit from the kindness of strangers during the Holidays.

The North Pole area, located just outside of Fairbanks, was homesteaded in 1944 and subdivided for developed to attract the toy industry to manufacture

items as made at the North Pole. In 1953 the community became incorporated. A year later the North Pole Post Office first began issuing cancellations. Last year, North Pole cancellations totaled more than 600,000. Organizations and institutions, such as the North Pole Lions Club and the North Pole Middle School, volunteer to answer letters to Santa. More than 70,000 letters were responded to last year.



Photos provided
Donna Herndon, left in top photo, was the featured speaker at the luncheon held by Christian Women of Murray on Nov. 21 in the social hall of First United Methodist Church. Pictured at right is chair Effie Kemp. Guest soloist was April Arnold, in bottom photo, right, who sang two selections. Pictured left is Lavonia Rowland. A silent auction was held with funds going toward a mission project. The next luncheon will be Friday, Dec. 19.

'Family Swim' hours offered

The Center for Health & Wellness at Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer extended "Family Swim" hours beginning Monday, Dec. 22.

"This will be the perfect place to entertain your family during the holiday season," a center official said.

"Family Swim" Hours will be available from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and 31 and Jan. 2. A parent and guardian must accompany children under the age of 12.

The center offers many programs and activities for the family and will rent the pool and gym for parties and social events.

For more information call the center at 762-1348.

BirthAnnouncements

Erin Lynn Faulkner

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Faulkner of Montgomery, Texas, are the parents of a daughter, Erin Lynn Faulkner, born on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at Memorial Hermann Hospital, The Woodlands, Texas.

The baby weighed seven pounds seven ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches. The mother is the former Stacey Farrell. A brother is Kyle Faulkner, 4.

Maternal grandparents are Al and Carolyn Farrell of Murray. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Barbara Faulkner of Bonham, Texas.

Maternal great-grandparents are Wayne and Jean Wilson of Murray. Paternal great-grandmother is Marie Reed of Bonham, Texas.

Kent Jay Geurin

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Geurin of Murray are the parents of a son, Kent Jay Geurin, born on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003, at 8 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed eight pounds two ounces and measured 20 inches. The mother is the former Teresa Jones. A sister is Amberly Nicole, 4.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Vicky Geurin and Tom and Wanda Jones, all of Murray.

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Health

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

Headache group offers tips to ease holiday overindulgence pain

The onset of the holiday season brings the usual invitations to parties and open houses. They offer a chance to visit with valued friends and business associates and share in the holiday spirit. However, they also provide the opportunity to eat and drink more than usual.

Quite possibly, one of the most dreaded aspects of the holiday season is the hangover headache, caused simply by excessive alcohol consumption.

The discomfort of hangover headache is experienced the morning after because alcohol causes the blood vessels to swell or dilate which, in turn, triggers headache pain and may cause slight sweating. The alcohol also acts as a diuretic, which leads to dehydration.

To help avoid or lessen the suffering associated with hangover headache that

often accompanies these annual festivities, the National Headache Foundation offers some common sense advice and a headache-free drink recipe.

If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Try to sip your drink slowly. Mixed drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol. Avoid red wine, which contains naturally occurring chemicals called congeners. Congeners impart the specific characteristic tastes to different types of wine and other alcoholic beverages. Unfortunately, they also may play a role in causing headaches.

Congeners are more common in red than white wine. Also, it is advisable to reduce the actual number of alcoholic beverages you consume. Spend time catching up with an old friend at the snack table with a soda

or glass of water.

Eat some honey. Honey supplies fructose, a sugar that helps the body metabolize the alcohol ingested, is rich in vitamin B6 and can reduce any hangover symptoms.

Two tablespoons of honey on a cracker or piece of toast, before or after drinking, may prevent a hangover. Tomato juice, another good source of fructose, also allows the body to burn alcohol faster. The sugar in fruit and fruit juices may also reduce some symptoms of hangover, so consumption of these products can be beneficial.

Drink fluids containing minerals and salts. Liquids rich in minerals and salts offer relief from the dehydration caused by alcohol consumption. A cup of broth or bouillon, for example, will replace fluid and will not cause nausea. In general, replacement of fluids with beverages, such as sports drinks or

water, is helpful.

Drink a cup of coffee. Caffeine may provide some relief in alleviating the headache symptoms and decreasing the duration of pain. The caffeine acts as a vasoconstrictor and eases the dilated blood vessels. Consider drinking a cup of coffee as soon as you wake up the next morning.

Take Ibuprofen. While aspirin is okay, Ibuprofen is typically less irritating to the stomach, and can also ease the pain of hangover headache.

Alternate non-alcoholic beverages with alcoholic beverages. Drinking one non-alcoholic beverage between each alcoholic beverage reduces overall alcohol consumption and helps replenish fluids. An easy way to achieve this is when ordering a drink at the bar; ask for a glass of water in addition to your alcoholic beverage of choice.

Eat greasy food before consuming alcohol. While it is wise to be health-conscious and avoid too much of these foods in general, this is a situation where eating fatty foods may be helpful. If consumed prior to drinking alcohol, these foods help line the intestines, which causes alcohol absorption to take longer. In other words, a burger or burrito before your beer or Bloody Mary might be beneficial.

While a headache caused by drinking too much may be more common at this time of year, chronic headaches can be a problem at any time. Headaches are a legitimate biological disease which are treatable.

If you are experiencing headache pain on a routine basis, make a specific appointment with your healthcare provider to discuss your headache problem and seek accurate diagnosis and treatment.



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In addition to the pediatric speech therapy services provided by the speech department at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, speech therapist Stefani Weis loves to bring holiday joy to her clients. Each year Stefani buys her clients Christmas presents, focusing on toys that are fun and that provide learning opportunities for age appropriate development. The pediatric speech program has grown every year and this year over 50 items were purchased for the children. According to Stefani, "I enjoy my job at MCCH. I love working with children, and Christmas is my favorite holiday. Buying my clients presents allows me to combine all my favorite things." The MCCH speech therapy department provides screenings, evaluations, and therapy for children from birth to school age. For more information, contact Stefani at 762-1574.

Guide tells how to spot deceptive dieting ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lose weight without dieting or exercise! Eat your way to a trimmer you! Block fat before your body can absorb it!

According to the government, what products using those slogans should really say is: "I lost \$350 in two weeks. Ask me how!"

Claims that people can lose weight without exercising or eating healthy foods sound too good to be true because they are, the Federal Trade Commission says. The FTC released a guide Tuesday to help consumers and the media spot deceptive weight-loss products.

The goal is to prevent consumers from wasting their money and to get newspapers and broadcasters to reject advertisements.

Product claims that should raise suspicion include: users can lose two pounds or more a week for a month without dieting or exercise; that it causes permanent weight loss even after the customer stops taking it; that it provides substantial weight loss if rubbed into the skin or worn on the body; and that everyone who uses it loses substantial weight.

"Ads for so-called miracle weight loss products are often empty promises," the FTC said in its guide. "Despite their claims, there are no easy ways to lose weight and burn off fat."

In September 2002 the FTC reported that 55 percent of weight-loss ads included claims that were almost certainly false or misleading.

The FTC has brought at least 100 lawsuits since 1990 against companies accused of selling phony weight-loss products.

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FLU DEFENSE

The two makers of flu vaccines in the U.S. said Friday that they had run out of vaccine and won't be able to meet the surging demand resulting from fears of a particularly bad flu season. Health experts say that the severity of the outbreak could be because this year's vaccine did not cover the particular flu strain that's going around. Each year scientists try to predict which strain of flu will affect us. There are three main types of flu viruses and each type can mutate, so it makes it very difficult to develop an effective vaccine. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. So how about stimulating our own defense mechanism — the immune system. Recently there were articles in *Newsweek* magazine and in *Prevention* magazine about the immune-enhancing capabilities of mushrooms. Tests in the laboratory indicate that fungi harbor new antiviral and antibiotic compounds. Even the NIH is interested in funding the screening of mushrooms for agents to fight SARS and the West Nile virus. It makes a lot of sense since antibiotics, the greatest success of the pharmaceutical industry in the 20th century, came from molds that are closely related. The New Chapter company has a product called Host Defense, which is a combination of various mushrooms such as maitake, reishi, shiitake and cordyceps. This combination has been shown to increase human Natural Killer (NK) cell activity up to 300%. We have a deal on this product. Buy one 60 capsule bottle at regular price and get the second one for 1/2 price. Help your body defend itself from the flu with Host Defense.

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Making this time of year a more positive experience

While the decorations, songs, and traditions of the holiday season bring images of smiling children, tasty food, and merry gatherings, often we must work at keeping ourselves positive. If we are not careful, peace on earth is sometimes forgotten in long shopping lines. Joy to the world can be lost in congested traffic. Decking the halls can create havoc.

Keeping the true spirit of the holidays is the healthy thing to do, but how? Following are some tips for coping with holiday depression and grief.

General Holiday Blues

Many people seem to suffer from holiday blues as they struggle with the festive atmosphere surrounding them during the season. Many factors can contribute to feelings such as stress, financial limits, unrealistic

expectations, fatigue, and absence of family and friends. There are many demands during this time such as shopping, parties, travel, and houseguests. It can also be a time of reflection, self-examination, and the unknown future of the New Year.

Here are some suggestions to help keep a positive attitude during the holidays.

- **Plan ahead.** Much of the stress associated with the season comes with last minute preparations. Take stock of priorities and pace yourself.

- **Get plenty of rest.** This is a busy time for a lot of people. If you are rested, you will enjoy all the activities more.

- **Avoid excessive eating and drinking.** Such behaviors will only increase the negative feelings, whether at the moment or the next day.

- **Set realistic expectations for**

yourself and others. The fantasy families we see in the media are not good measuring tools. Be honest about what you can and cannot do. Remember this is a season of holidays, not just one day. Spread activities out over time to decrease the stress and increase the enjoyment.

- **Reach out to friends you have not seen for a while.** Spend time with people that are supportive and caring. Rekindle those positive relationships.

- **Do something different.** Create a new tradition. Here is a list of possibilities: Do something for someone else. Volunteer with a group that represents your beliefs and serve in some way; Dreading the family gathering? Take interest in each of your relatives as you speak to them in a much deeper way than ever before. You may enjoy them for a change.

Play and be creative. Do something childlike. Better yet, play with a child. You will find it deeply satisfying; Instead of making out a wish list help a child make out a "grateful" list. Encourage thinking of all the things for which the child is grateful and list them on paper; Find free activities such as window-shopping, school recitals or community events.

The good news is that while most holiday blues may be intense and unsettling, they are usually short-lived. They usually subside after the holiday season is over and daily routines are resumed.

Remember, you may be having a normal response to a stress-filled time of the year, and you don't have to suffer unnecessarily. Find someone to talk with who can help you through this difficult time - a family member, friend, member of the

clergy, physician, or professional counselor.

Holiday Depression, Grief

But not all holiday blues are as simple as a reaction to the fast pace of the season. Often intense sadness is felt when someone has recently suffered a significant loss, whether through the death of a person, the loss of a job, or a move that creates distance from friends.

If someone you know is experiencing great difficulty because of a significant loss, here are some coping tips.

- **Acknowledge the loss and feelings.** It is important to recognize grief as a normal and natural process. Avoiding the fact that someone or something is missing will not eliminate the feelings.

- **Find a way to include the memory.** Plan some activity that

will honor the missing person. This could be as simple as a moment of silence or displaying a picture.

- **Do not isolate.** It is important to plan ahead and not be alone. Choose safe and comfortable people to be with during the holidays.

- **Avoid excessive alcohol consumption.** Alcohol and drugs are used as a way of trying to avoid. However, they only increase the negative feelings.

If you or someone you know is coping with feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, or isolation, help is available from anywhere in the state by calling your local community mental health center or dialing 911. For a complete list of comprehensive care crisis lines, visit http://dmhmrs.chr.state.ky.us/files/CMHC_Crisis.pdf. For further information on mental health, visit <http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/MH/>.

Reward-based toilet training gets best results

QUESTION: Our 24-month-old son is not yet toilet-trained, although my mother-in-law feels he should be. Should we spank him for using his pants instead of the potty?

DR. DOBSON: No, I suggest that your mother-in-law cool down a bit. It is entirely possible that your child can't control himself at this age. The last thing you want to do is punish a child of any age for an offense that he can't comprehend. If I had to err on this matter, it would be in the direction of



Focus on the Family
By Dr. James Dobson
President

being too late, rather than too early. Furthermore, the best approach to potty training is with rewards and encouragement rather than with punishment. Give him a sucker (or sugarless candy) for performing his duty. When you've proved that he can comply, then you can hold him responsible in the future.

QUESTION: Is there any way to prevent a child from having night terrors? It is happening in our house nearly every night, and it is really hard on my husband and me.

DR. DOBSON: Yes, you can usually prevent your child from going into stage-four sleep by giving him a minor amount of medication. I wouldn't suggest that you do that unless the night terrors are regular and disruptive to adult sleep patterns. You should talk to your physician about this matter if that is the case.

QUESTION: Should school-children be required to wear clothes they dislike?

DR. DOBSON: Generally not. Children are very concerned about being laughed at by their friends and will sometimes go to great lengths to avoid that danger. Conformity is fueled by the fear of ridicule. Teens, particularly, seem to feel, "The group can't laugh at me if I am identical to them." From this perspective, it's unwise to make a child endure unnecessary social humiliation. Children should be allowed to select their own clothes, within certain limits of your budget and good taste.

QUESTION: My 4-year-old daughter, Karen, is a whiner. She rarely speaks in a normal voice anymore. How can I break her of this habit?

DR. DOBSON: A process called "extinction" is very useful in situations like this. Here is how it works: Any behavior that has been learned by reinforcement (i.e., by rewards) can be "unlearned" by withholding those rewards. It sounds complex, but the technique is simple and very applicable to Karen's problem.

Why do you think she whines instead of speaking in a normal voice? Because you have rewarded that sound by letting it get your

attention! As long as Karen is speaking in her usual voice, you are too busy to listen to her. Like most toddlers, she probably babbles all day long, so you have often tuned out most of her verbiage. But when she speaks in a grating, irritating, obnoxious tone, you turn to see what is wrong. Therefore, Karen's whining brings results; her normal voice does not, and she becomes a whiner.

In order to break the habit of whining, you must simply reverse the process. You should begin by saying, "I can't hear you because you're whining, Karen. I have funny ears; they just can't hear whining." After this message has been passed along for a day or two, you should show no indication of having heard a moan-tone. You should then offer immediate attention to anything she says in a normal voice.

If this control of reward is applied properly, I guarantee it to achieve the desired results. Most human learning is based on this principle, and the consequences are certain and definite. Of course, Grandma and Uncle Albert may continue to reinforce the behavior you are trying to eliminate, and they can keep it alive.

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Johnny Rains of Murray's Bogard Trucking & Excavation Company sits at the controls of a track hoe machine as it demolishes the building that once housed a Subway/Baskin Robbins Ice Cream shop at the Olympic Plaza on North 12th Street. A company spokesman said the demolition was performed in order to produce more parking space at the shopping center.

Ousted Ala. justice Moore files notice of appeal of his removal

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore filed notice today that he is appealing his removal from office by a state judicial panel.



Moore

In two motions filed with the Alabama Supreme Court, Moore also asked that acting Chief Justice Gorman Houston step down, or be ordered by the court to disqualify himself from hearing Moore's appeal because of statements Houston has made to news reporters about the case.

The motion also says Houston would stand to gain personally from Moore being unsuccessful in his appeal because it would allow him

to serve longer as acting chief justice.

"Justice Houston has made numerous comments and has taken actions indicating that his impartiality may reasonably be questioned or that he has a personal bias or prejudice toward Chief Justice Moore," said the motion filed by Moore attorneys Phillip Jauregui and Andrew Dill.

Houston could not be reached for comment Wednesday morning. He has said previously that he sees no reason why he should not hear Moore's appeal.

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary on Nov. 13 unanimously voted to remove Moore from office for refusing U.S. District Judge

Myron Thompson's order that he move a 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument from

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Sports

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

Dunn provides spark in MHS win

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

When Murray High's Lisa Thurman was unavailable for Tuesday night's game against Fulton County because of the flu, Tiger head coach Rechelle Turner went in search of a replacement to add the punch and fire Thurman brings to the team.

It took a little while, but not long, for Turner to find it in 5-foot-5 sophomore guard Christian Dunn.

Dunn was the spark plug that ignited the MHS ride, helping propel the Lady Tigers to a 58-30 home win over the Lady Pilots.

Dunn came off the bench to score a game-high 19 points, going 6-of-13 from the field and 4-of-9 from beyond the 3-point arc. She also forced 5-plus turnovers.

Dunn's effort quickly caught the eye of Turner. The sophomore was a blessing in disguise for the head coach, who was without both Thurman and Breanne Sykes.

"Christina Dunn was huge tonight," Turner said. "The thing that I was most impressed with was her effort. She forced them to make some turnovers and she got some big steals. I felt like our leadership came from her tonight, and that gives me promise for her as just a sophomore the next time I want to bring her in. She really stepped up and answered the call."

Murray jumped out to 17-2 lead in the first quarter, but let Fulton County rally by halftime. However, the Lady Tigers still led 25-15. The Lady Pilots got to within nine in the third quarter, but MHS went on an 18-4 run to take a 40-26 advantage.

Jordan Huston, Murray's 6-foot-1 sophomore forward, was also in double digits with 10 points.

LaSheka Holloway led Fulton County with 12 points.

Turner said a makeshift lineup did not explain the lack of effort her Lady Tigers showed at times against a somewhat unorganized Fulton County squad.

LADY TIGERS 58				
Fulton County 30				
Fulton County	2	15	26	30
Murray	17	25	40	58
Fulton Co. (30)	Holloway 12, Scott 6, Elam 5, Esters 4, Turner 1, Black 0, Gaston 0. FG: 12-35 3-point FG: 1-8 (Holloway). FT: 5-9. Rebounds: 25. Record: 0-3.			
Murray (58)	Dunn 19, Huston 10, Vincent 9, Volp 8, Garland 8, Wagoner 2, Scarbrough 2, Snow 0, Cunningham 0, Duncan 0, Elias 0. FG: 17-54. 3-point FG: 5-19 (Dunn 4, Volp 1). FT: 19-38. Rebounds: 38. Record: 2-1.			

"I've been bragging about our effort so much and how proud I am of the girls, but our effort tonight was flat," she explained. "I realize that the lineup wasn't the same and some people were playing out of position, but that doesn't constitute not giving effort."

One other concern for Turner is her squad's free throw shooting. Turner went as far as to call it "horrendous."

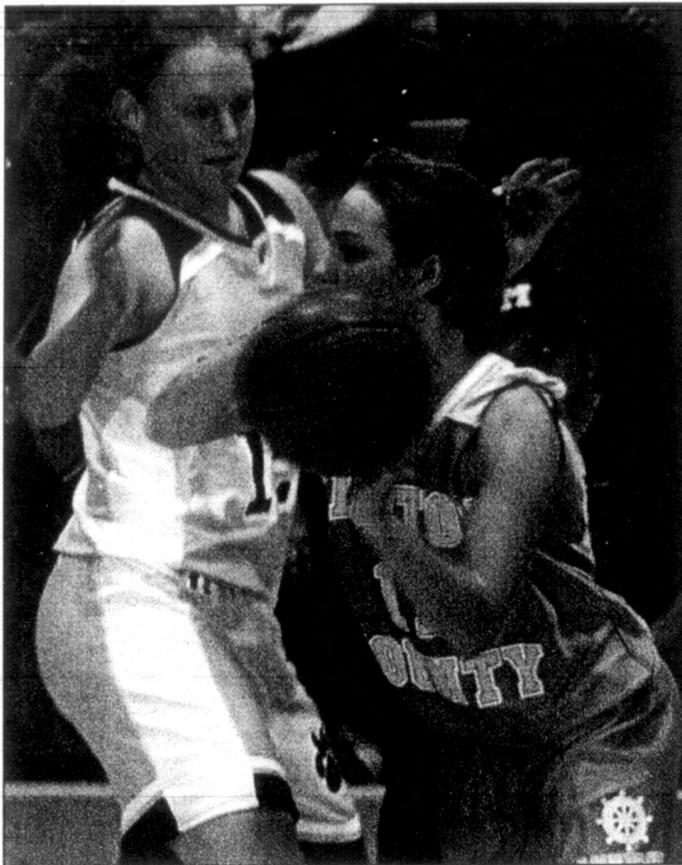
MHS was 19-of-38 from the free-throw line on the night for an average of 50 percent. The worst of the display was in the second quarter, as the Lady Tigers shot 3-of-9 from the charity stripe and watched Fulton County outscore them 13-8.

"It's to the point where we are going to lose a lot of basketball games," Turner said of the missed foul shots. "(Tuesday) we were right around 50 percent. That's average. But we haven't been any better than that all year. If you go back and look at the Lone Oak game, if we would have made free throws, we would have won the game."

"I don't feel like you can teach free throws, I think it's 90 percent mental, and I really don't know what else to do about that. It's going to be up to (the players) to change that."

The Lady Tigers were 17-of-54 from the floor for 31 percent, and shot 26 percent from the 3-point line (5-of-19).

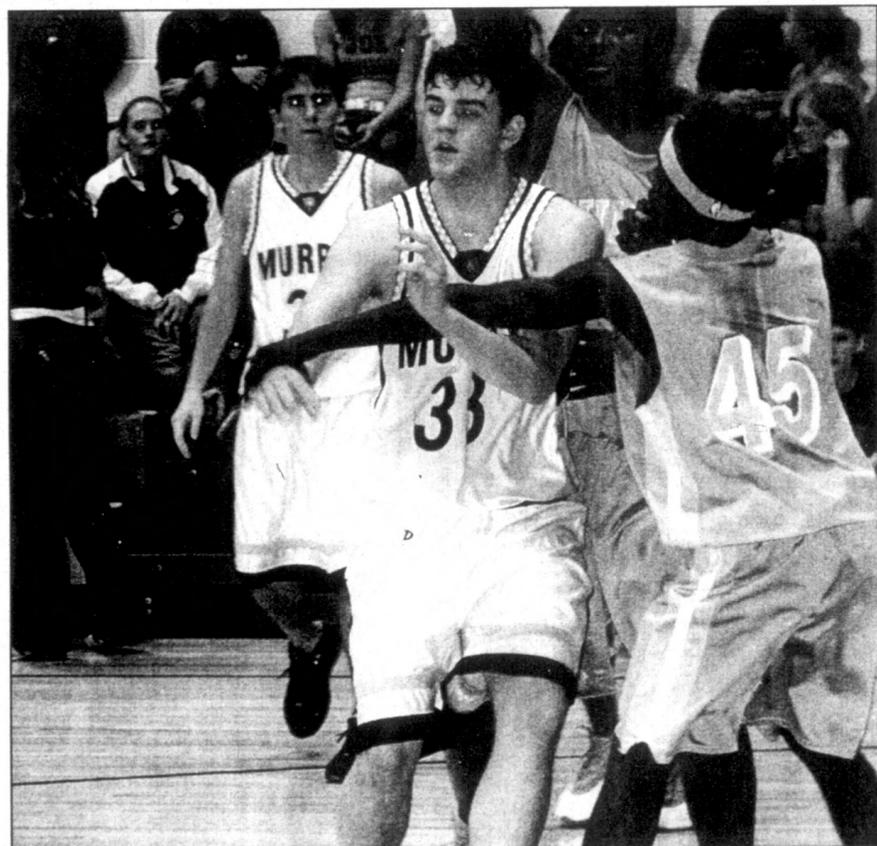
Murray High held the Lady Pilots to a dismal 1-of-8 from long range, and 12-of-35 for 34 percent from the field. The Lady Tigers forced Fulton County into 26 turnovers.



Murray High's Breanna Volp defends against a Fulton County player during Tuesday's action at the MHS gymnasium.

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Hendrix leads visiting Pilots over Tigers



Murray High's Mark Daniel (33) passes the ball out of a double-team during the Tigers' home loss to Fulton County Tuesday night.

MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

Remember this name: Whitney Hendrix.

After his performance Tuesday night, Murray High fans sure will.

Hendrix may be the area's best-kept secret. The 5-foot-10 Fulton County guard lit up the scoreboard for 20 points in a 73-62 win over the Tigers last night.

Hendrix, who averaged 20.4 points per game a year ago, hasn't lost his touch this year, scoring 16 of his 20 points in the second half.

Murray's Kyle Erwin went toe-to-toe with Hendrix, matching him with 20 to lead the Tigers. Mark Daniel had 15 for the Tigers, and Wes Adams contributed off the bench with 13.

But a more balanced scoring attack from the Pilots lifted them to the win.

Fulton County head coach Shane Midyett's team had five players in double figures. Elvis Holloway has 13, Jeffery McClain added 12, David Polk tacked on 11 and Shavar Wilson was good for 10 points.

The Pilots weren't a shock to Murray High head coach Dan Hudson, whose Tigers are 0-2 to start the season.

"They have a very, very balanced scoring attack," he said. "Whitney Hendrix is one of the best players in the region, and we knew coming in that him and Polk were going to be their one-two punch."

Murray jumped out to a quick 9-3 lead in the first quarter, but

Fulton County 73
TIGERS 62

Fulton County	11	32	51	73
Murray	11	29	43	62
Fulton Co. (73)	W.Hendrix 20, Holloway 13, McClain 12, Polk 11, Wilson 10, J. Hendrix 4, Hodges 3. FG: 23-50. 3-point FG: 7-16 (W. Hendrix 3, Holloway 2, Hodges 1, Polk 1). FT: 18-31. Rebounds: 32. Record: N/A.			
Murray (62)	Erwin 20, Daniel 15, Adams 13, Purdue 5, Kelleher 5, Jackson 4, Masthay 0, Hudson 0. FG: 22-48. 3-point FG: 5-10 (Erwin 2, Adams 2, Kelleher 1). FT: 10-17. Rebounds: 30. Record: 0-2.			

saw it dwindle away to a 9-9 tie after a Holloway 3-pointer. The Tigers then took an 11-9 lead on a Joey Jackson bucket, but it was Hendrix's deuce that knotted the game at 11-11.

Fulton County went on to outscore Murray in every quarter, taking a 32-29 lead at halftime and closing out the third quarter with a 51-43 edge.

The Tigers, for the most part, had open looks at the basket all night, but found the iron to be unkind.

"We had good looks at the basket, but we didn't shoot the ball all that well from the perimeter," Hudson said. "That's something that we work on each and every day. I thought Kyle really picked us up and turned it on there in the second half and started playing like he can play."

The Tigers shot 45 percent from the floor, hitting 22-of-48 shots. MHS was without 6-6 junior Corey Zirbel, who was battling the flu. MHS did have Tim Masthay, but he too was limited to playing time because of the illness.

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Lakers fall at Tilghman

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

PADUCAH, Ky. — Thirty-seven percent shooting and 14 turnovers derailed the Calloway County Lakers in a 43-39 loss to host Paducah Tilghman Tuesday night.

Terry Adams and Chase Futrell tied for team scoring honors with 11 points apiece for the Lakers (1-2), who actually led 28-27 entering the fourth quarter despite their poor shooting.

But the Blue Tornado (2-0) scored nine of the first 12 points in the final eight minutes to pull out the four-point victory over the defending First Region champions.

Seth Barrow followed Adams and Futrell with seven points, while Roger Jones dropped in six. Sophomore Brett Welter rounded out the Calloway scoring with four. The Lakers were just 16-of-43 from the floor, and hit only 2-of-6 3-point attempts. CCHS hit 5-of-11 shots from the foul line, and managed to rebound Tilghman 33-28.

Tilghman's Curtis Hamilton led all scorers with 20 points. Tim Laster followed with 12. The Blue Tornado connected on 18-of-46 shot attempts from the field, and hit only 3-of-14 from behind the arc. Tilghman shot a paltry 4-of-12 from the charity stripe.

Calloway returns to the floor on Friday night at Ballard Memorial.

Paducah Tilghman 43
LAKERS 39

Calloway Co.	8	15	28	39
Tilghman	8	20	27	43
Calloway (39)	Adams 11, Futrell 11, Barrow 7, Jones 6, Welter 4. FG: 16-43. 3-point FG: 2-6 (Adams, Futrell). FT: 5-11. Rebounds: 33. Record: 1-2.			
Tilghman (43)	Hamilton 20, Laster 12, Green 5, Amos 5, Catholic 1. FG: 18-46. 3-point FG: 3-14 (Hamilton, Laster, Green). FT: 4-12. Rebounds: 28. Record: 2-0.			

SEMO loses lead; falls at Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Jonathan Modica thought he and his Arkansas teammates were in for a halftime thrashing from coach Stan Heath on Tuesday.

The Razorbacks trailed Southeast Missouri State by 10 and hadn't shown much of an offense against a team with troubles winning on the road.

But the explosion never happened. Heath calmly told his team it had to stick together and it did, overcoming the deficit to take a 78-68 victory over the Indians.

"He really didn't jump down our throats like he should have or like he usually does," said Modica, who led Arkansas in scoring for the sixth straight game this year with 20 points. "He said what he had to say, we responded and we won the game."

Heath said he was worried the game might end up like the Razorbacks' loss to Troy State last year. Arkansas followed a tough loss to a ranked Tulsa team with its first loss ever to Troy State last year.

Coming off a 23-point loss to No. 14 Illinois on Saturday, Heath was concerned Southeast Missouri, who has lost 11 of 12 on the road, might catch Arkansas in the same funk.

At halftime, Heath chose to be positive.

"We had a different attitude in the locker room," Heath said. "At halftime we talked about this is why we're down. This is what we're not doing well. This is what we can do to make a difference in this game."

Colon signs with Angels

NEW YORK (AP) — The free-agent has sprung to life, with Bartolo Colon finalizing his \$51 million, four-year contract with Anaheim, Atlanta signing John Thomson to replace Greg Maddux and Seattle agreeing to a deal with reliever Eddie Guardado.

Meanwhile, Boston owner John Henry took a shot at the agent for Nomar Garciaparra, saying it was the "height of hypocrisy" to accuse the team of betrayal even though the star shortstop rejected the team's lucrative, long-term offer last spring.

Six free agents got new deals Tuesday, raising the total of signed players to 55 among the 210 who filed after the World Series.

Thomson agreed to a \$7 million, two-year contract with the Braves, and Guardado got a com-

plicated one-year deal with two option years that can be exercised by the player or the team. He's guaranteed \$13 million over three years if the options are exercised and could earn an additional \$4 million in bonuses if he becomes the Mariners' closer.

Kansas City delved into the market for two players, agreeing to a \$5 million, two-year contract with reliever Scott Sullivan and a \$1 million, one-year deal with outfielder Matt Stairs. The Royals also were close to agreement on a \$4.3 million, two-year deal with catcher Benito Santiago.

Former San Francisco closer Tim Worrell on Tuesday agreed to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract with the Phillies.

Colon's deal with the Angels was completed after he passed a

physical.

"I'm happy to be with the new team and have the opportunity to be able to win with them," Colon said, speaking through an interpreter.

In other news, the New York Yankees' talks with outfielder Gary Sheffield remain shaky. While the sides have agreed that a deal would be for \$39 million over three years, the Yankees want \$15 million of the money deferred without interest, a demand Sheffield is resisting, according to a baseball official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The outfielder wants a no-trade clause, but the Yankees don't want to give it, the official said. Sheffield's agent, Rufus Williams, did not return a telephone call seeking comment.



Anaheim Angels vice president and general manager Bill Stoneman shakes hands with pitcher Bartolo Colon at a news conference to announce the right-hander's signing Tuesday at Edison Field in Anaheim, Calif.

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Miami	6	15	.286	1/2	Utah	11	9	.550	2	Phoenix	8	13	.381	10
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Cards' rebounding concerns Pitino

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Louisville Cardinals learned Monday they would be playing the No. 1 team in the country when Florida visits Freedom Hall on Saturday.

Cardinals' coach Rick Pitino bristled at the notion that his team might be looking past Wednesday's game with Seton Hall (3-1).

"If anybody thinks in terms of Florida, then you don't know what Big East basketball is all about," Pitino said Tuesday.

Outside of the Pirates, Pitino's other immediate concern is his team's early-season rebounding.

Despite winning two of its first three games, Louisville has lost the rebound margin twice — in a 70-69 loss to Iowa in the season opener and a 56-40 win over Holy Cross on Sunday.

The UofL outrebounded Western Kentucky 42-37 in a 30-point win last week, and Pitino said they won't beat the Pirates unless they beat them on the boards.

"Against a team like Seton Hall, that's a death sentence, to rebound the way we've been rebounding," Pitino said.

The Cardinals' inside game will get a boost from the return of 6-foot-8 Otis George, who suffered a hip pointer in the Western Kentucky game. George practiced for the first time since the injury on Tuesday.

"We're going to need Otis against Seton Hall," Pitino said.

Luke Whitehead leads Louisville with 10.3 rebounds per game, but Pitino said every Cardinal must get involved on the glass against the Pirates, who have outrebounded

three of their first four opponents.

"It's got to be a team thing," Pitino said. "Guys are trying hard. It's just we're lean and quick and we don't have a physical presence that can rebound. We rebound with quickness rather than bulk."

Louisville guard Larry O'Bannon said the players understand how they can improve.

"The key to rebounding is getting more people in there," he said. "With our offensive spacing, it's kind of hard. But on defense, it's just a matter of effort of everybody crashing the boards and boxing out."

Louisville's guards will already have their hands full with Seton Hall point guard Andre Barrett, a starter on the U.S. team that competed in last summer's Pan American Games.

The 5-foot-10 Barrett had 28 points and five assists in the Pirates' 65-47 win over Liberty on Nov. 29.

"He's not only very fast, he's seen all the great competition," Pitino said. "He can go by just about anyone and he's a legitimate 3-point threat."

Pitino had questions at his point-guard position in the preseason, but he's apparently solved them with Taquan Dean.

Arizona tops Texas

NEW YORK (AP) — Arizona has won almost 85 percent of its games at the on-campus McKale Center. That's nothing.

The Wildcats are unbeaten at Madison Square Garden under coach Lute Olson. Maybe it's just a case of a team from the West doing well on the West Side of Manhattan.

The ninth-ranked Wildcats beat No. 6 Texas 91-83 Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic to improve to 9-0 under Olson in the Garden.

"We talked at the end of practice yesterday that we were 8-0 in the Garden and told them you wouldn't want to be the team that breaks that streak," a smiling Olson said. "Our guys came out just right. They weren't tense and that's what you hope for as a staff. That's the way they handle a big game against a big team in a building like Madison Square Garden."

Hassan Adams had a career-high 30 points for Arizona (3-1), while Andre Iguodala had a triple-double with 13 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists.

It was another balanced offensive effort for the Wildcats, who entered the game with six players averaging between 14.0 and 9.7

points. It was also a solid performance on defense as Texas (4-1) shot 36 percent, a figure augmented by 25 offensive rebounds.

"We were concerned with a number of things about Texas, their size and depth for two," Olson said. "Defensively, I think we created more problems for them than they created for us."

Adams, a 6-foot-4 sophomore forward whose previous-best 22 points came against Western Kentucky last season, didn't seem to have many problems all game, going 12-for-21 from the field, including 3-for-5 from 3-point range.

"I just went out there and played my game. The shots came to me and I took them in rhythm," he said. "I was feeling it today and I was ready to play."

The Wildcats' streak in the Garden includes the Preseason NIT in 1990, '95 and '99 and the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in 2001.

Providence beat No. 14 Illinois 70-51 in the opening game of the doubleheader. In other top 25 games No. 12 Saint Joseph's beat Boston College 67-57; Northern Iowa defeated No. 24 Iowa 77-66; and No. 25 Dayton beat Louisiana-Lafayette 66-59.



KATHY WILLENS/AP
Arizona guard Mustafa Shakur (15) drives down court pushed by Texas guard Edgar Moreno (4) during the first half of their game Tuesday in the Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Couch steps back into Browns' future

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tim Couch fell just short in his bid to rally the Cleveland Browns to victory.

However, he may have started his own comeback.

Cleveland's quarterback saved the Browns from being humiliated Monday night on national TV, replacing starter Kelly Holcomb just before halftime and directing two touchdown drives in the second half.

However, Couch's heroics — he played on a sprained knee — came up short when he was sacked on fourth down with 1:51 remain-

ing and the St. Louis Rams held on for a 26-20 win.

For Couch, though, Cleveland's sixth loss in seven games was a personal triumph.

His performance was just the latest chapter in a strange season in which the former No. 1 overall pick lost his job, got it back, lost it again, got hurt and was then asked to bail out the Browns.

Holcomb threw two interceptions in 35 seconds of the second quarter, prompting Browns coach Butch Davis to bring in Couch, who responded by going 5-for-5 on his two scoring drives.

Local harriers receive recognition

Staff Report
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Several local cross country athletes were recently named to the Kentucky Track & Cross Country Coaches Association's All-Area 1 Team for the 2003 season.

Calloway County's Jennifer Vincent and Murray High's Peggy Ray made the Area 1 varsity squad on the girls' side, which ranks the two among the top seven female harriers in all three classes in western Kentucky.

At the middle school level, Jennifer Vincent, Megan Summers and Karra Jones represented Calloway County on the Area 1 team. Leighton Dale and Josh Feidrich, also from Calloway County, made the squad at the elementary school level (sixth grade and below).

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Snowstorm moves across Plains

By The Associated Press
Winter isn't officially due for two weeks, but it sent a calling card, hitting the Plains with heavy, wet snow and strong winds.

The snowfall reached from the northern Plains to Oklahoma, with heavy accumulations Tuesday in Nebraska and Kansas. Nine inches of snow piled up in western Nebraska.

Scattered school closings were reported in parts of Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas and Minnesota. At least one death, in Kansas, was blamed on icy roads.

On Wednesday, lingering snow showers were expected to fall over the western Great Lakes, eastern Iowa and northern Missouri, according to the National Weather Service. Mostly cloudy skies and cool conditions were forecast for the rest of the region, with highs in the 10s and 20s over the northern Plains.



An unidentified man walks in falling snow in Omaha, Neb., Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003. The National Weather Service is calling for about three inches of snow in the area and winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour.

Jackson cleared months ago of molesting current accuser

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The boy who accuses Michael Jackson of molesting him denied it months ago to child welfare investigators who cleared the pop star of misconduct, according to a confidential memo.

The boy and his brother told investigators that Jackson never sexually abused them, and their mother said Jackson slept on the floor when they visited his Neverland Ranch, according to a memo leaked to the Web site www.thesmokinggun.com, which posted it Tuesday.

A source familiar with the document confirmed its authenticity to The Associated Press.

The memo was dated Nov. 26, a week after the Santa Barbara County district attorney announced child molestation allegations against Jackson. It was written by an administrator with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

It appears to directly contradict allegations made by the boy and his family, who live in Los Angeles County.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Thomas Sneddon said his office knew of the investigation and it did not affect his decision to pursue charges.

The report was provided to the judge at the time search and arrest warrants in the current probe were issued, the district attorney said in a statement.

"Given what we know, we do not consider the DCFS



Jackson

statement a significant factor," Sneddon said.

Jackson surrendered Nov. 20 on an arrest warrant alleging he committed lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14. He has denied the allegations and was released on \$3 million bail. Authorities say they expect to file charges sometime next week.

According to the memo, both the boy and his brother told investigators Jackson had not sexually abused them, and their older sister said she never witnessed anything inappropriate between them.

The memo was sent from a regional administrator to medical director Charles Sophy and detailed a probe completed in February, before Sophy joined the agency.

The memo, which refers to Jackson as "the entertainer," said the child welfare department and Los Angeles police began a 13-day inquiry after a Los Angeles Unified School District official called a department hot line Feb. 14.

The school official suspected neglect by the boy's mother and sexual abuse by Jackson but the investigation concluded that they were "unfounded," the document said.

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Authorities say missing college student probably dead

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The mother of a missing college student said her family has not given up hope that she will be found alive, despite a sheriff saying Dru Sjodin is likely dead after DNA tests showed her blood was found in the car of a man suspected in her kidnapping.

Grand Forks County Sheriff Dan Hill said Tuesday the investigation is now more of a recovery mission than a rescue — a comment that outraged Sjodin's family.

"We firmly believe Dru's return is close at hand," Sjodin's mother, Linda Walker, said from her home in Pequot Lakes, Minn.

Sjodin (pronounced sha-DEEN) was last heard from Nov. 22, when she called her boyfriend on a cell phone from the parking lot of a Grand Forks mall where she worked at a Victoria's Secret.

Searches of rivers, ditches and snow-covered fields in two states, sometimes employing hundreds of volunteers, have turned up few clues to her whereabouts.

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., a 50-year-old with a history of violent sexual assaults, has been charged with Sjodin's kidnapping and is jailed on \$5 million bond. He has said through his



Sjodin

attorney that he is innocent.

The DNA match would be the most significant break yet in the attempt by authorities to tie Rodriguez, a convicted rapist, to Sjodin's disappearance. In an interview with The Associated Press, Hill said investigators tested blood from Rodriguez's car against DNA taken from Sjodin's toothbrush. He

described the blood in the car as a small amount. Hill confirmed a media report that the trunk of Rodriguez's car had been extensively cleaned before his arrest.

Searchers found Sjodin's shoe near the Red Lake River after she disappeared, Hill said. Divers have searched the river thoroughly, and don't believe the body is there, he said.

The shoe, identified by a college roommate of the 22-year-old Sjodin, is the only piece of clothing recovered so far, Hill said.

An affidavit unsealed later Tuesday revealed some new information, including Rodriguez's account of his whereabouts at the time Sjodin

disappeared. According to the affidavit, Rodriguez told police he had been at the mall watching a movie, "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" at about 7 p.m. that night. Police said the movie wasn't being shown at any theater near the mall that day.

Authorities first interviewed Rodriguez on Nov. 26, four days after Sjodin disappeared, according to the affidavit. It said investigators got Rodriguez's permission to search his car, and discovered a knife.

Forensic examiners inspected the car, the affidavit said, and discovered blood in several spots, including the inside of the rear passenger-side window and on the back seat.

Hill, the Grand Forks county sheriff, said Rodriguez sat down and fell asleep during a search of his house.

"If I had police walking around in my house I wouldn't be snoozing," Hill said.

Rodriguez has a history of attempted kidnapping with adult women, and has used a weapon in at least one assault. Rodriguez was released from a Minnesota prison in May after serving 23 years for an attempted abduction in 1979.

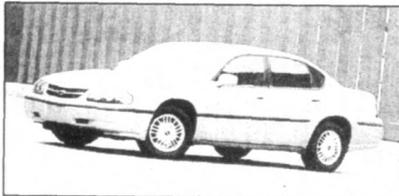
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BREAK THROUGH

Democrats meet for final debate of year

By **RON FOURNIER**
AP Political Writer

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — Eight Democratic presidential contenders on Tuesday strongly disputed that Howard Dean was the party's best chance for beating President Bush, or that former Vice President Al Gore's endorsement of the front-runner would seal the nomination.

"This race is not over," declared Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts as the candidates gathered in this first-in-the-nation primary state for the year's eighth and final debate. The first votes will be cast in Iowa's Jan. 19 caucuses and New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary.

One after another, the field ganged up on Dean, who holds a double-digit lead in New Hampshire polls, and Gore in an effort to take the luster off the newly minted endorsement. They appealed to the independent streak of voters here, and suggested the endorsement smacked of old-style party machine politics.

Joe Lieberman, Gore's spurned 2000 running mate, asserted that "my chances have actually increased today." The Connecticut senator said people had stopped him in the airport to express outrage over Gore's backing of Dean.

For his part, Dean told the others: "Attack me. Don't attack Al Gore. I don't think he deserves to be attacked by anybody up here." Clearly Gore's endorsement overshadowed the debate. In 2000, Gore won the popular vote by half a million votes but conceded to Republican Bush after a tumultuous 36-day recount in Florida and a 5-4 Supreme Court vote against him. The endorsement of Bill Clinton's No. 2 was a coveted prize for the Democratic hopefuls.

The response to Gore's stunning decision was precipitated when one of the debate's moderators, ABC's Ted Koppel, opened the debate by inviting the field of nine candidates to "raise your hand if you believe that Gov. Dean can beat George Bush."

Only one, Dean, raised his hand. In endorsing Dean earlier in the day at campaign stops in New York and Iowa, Gore urged Democrats to unite behind the front-runner and said, "We don't have the luxury of fighting among ourselves."

That touched off an avalanche of criticism from Dean's rivals. Al Sharpton said Gore's tactics smacked of "bossism," and added, "We're not going to have any big name come in now and tell us the field should be limited ... No Democrat should shut us up today."

Said Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina: "We're not going to have a coronation." And Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri declared, "I'm sure all of us think we have the best chance to beat George Bush." But, he said, he stood a better chance than the others in the battleground states of the Midwest that would likely decide the election.

Democratic strategists said Gore's endorsement had an immediate impact, if only by giving Dean's rivals something to complain about other than Dean's policies and campaign miscues.

"It was not the pile-on that Dean expected. Dean came with his best telegen suit, but he didn't need it," said Donna Brazile, a former Gore adviser who is not tied to any of the candidates.

The nine candidates stood at wooden podiums arranged in a semicircle on the stage of a theater on the University of New Hampshire campus. Some Democrats have suggested that the debates have been unwieldy and should be limited to the major candidates.

One of the long-shot candidates, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, took exception with Koppel's questions and used it to challenge the political status quo.

"I want the American people to see where media takes politics in this country," Kucinich said to cheers from the crowd. "We start talking about endorsements, now we're talking about polls and then talking about money. When you do that you don't have to talk about what's important to the American people."

As the debate focused on other topics, Dean was asked about public comments about what Bush might have known before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Several Republicans have criticized him for mentioning speculation in several broadcast interviews that Bush may have been tipped off about the attacks, perhaps by the Saudis.

He insisted he never believed such reports, and was just mentioning "the most interesting theory that I heard, which I did not believe, (which) was that the Saudis had tipped him off."

Still, Dean said, "We need to know what went wrong before 9-11 ... There are going to be a lot of crazy theories."

Kerry, meanwhile, was asked whether Democrats could win in conservative, deeply religious parts of the South, given the importance Bush has put on religion. In particular, he was asked about a comment by Dean that religion did not play into his policy decisions.

"There is nothing conservative or traditionally Republican about this administration," Kerry said. "It is radical in the way that it has trampled on that fine line drawn between church and state and in the way it has trampled, through its attorney general, on the civil rights of Americans."

The debate brought fresh attacks on the Bush administration's Iraqi



AP Pool Photo
Democratic presidential hopeful former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean reacts to a question during the Democrats debate Tuesday at the University of New Hampshire.

policy. Questioned about an hour-old Pentagon order barring companies from countries opposed to the war from bidding on reconstruction contracts, Kerry said, "I can't think of anything dumber."

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Text of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's inaugural address

By The Associated Press

Text of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's inaugural address, from prepared remarks supplied by his office:

Thanks, dad. You and mom gave me hope and a strong foundation to serve the people of Kentucky.

Distinguished guests, and my fellow citizens:

As I begin, I thank Governor and Judi Patton for their service to Kentucky.

I thank Governor Nunn, who was the last Republican to occupy this office, 32 years ago.

I thank our new Lieutenant Governor, Steve Pence, who has been an enthusiastic running mate. Not only did he campaign all over the beautiful state of Kentucky, but one morning he took a ferry across the Mississippi River and ended up campaigning in Missouri.

Now, that's dedication. And I thank my wife, Glenna, who is as beautiful inside as out. She is my closest friend, and the heart of our family. I am honored that this wonderful woman chose to share her life with me, and I am proud for our state to have her as First Lady.

My friends... it is a privilege to stand before you as the new governor of Kentucky.

There is no more beautiful place to me than this home, from the lakes and rivers in the west, to the bluegrass where we are today, to the Appalachians in the east. We are home to Fulbright scholars, Pulitzer Prize winners, and Nobel laureates in physics, chemistry and medicine. Lewis and Clark began their expedition in our state, and the core of their party was a band called the "Nine Young Men From Kentucky."

About 80 miles from here is the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln.

And I'm proud to have held the representative's seat once held by Henry Clay.

There is greatness in this state. I aim to rally our pride in it, and to let the rest of the world know, too.

The first governor, Isaac Shelby, led a growing state whose citizens were guided both by common law and common sense. What a man said, meant something, and if he went back on it, he was held to account.

I hope that in this way, things have not changed.

For as your governor, I stand before the tasks we face today looking for the old paths, where the good way is; a way that is lighted by the optimism, talent, and legacy of Kentucky.

That light falls on all of us today, just as the crisp air surrounds us.

It is as if we are sailing a boat across a clear Kentucky lake, and it is morning, and the only waves and ripples are the ones we make.

This is a day to be joyful in the light, and to celebrate, and we will.

But in the coming days, we must use that light to illuminate the challenges we face, for we inherit not only goodness and greatness, but also duty — a duty to face Kentucky's problems that have festered for a generation. State government has too often been used to look out for the insiders and not the citizens. This has insulated poverty from progress, and need from remedy.

What could have been a broader, common, wealth has become a guarded treasure, traded among the well positioned.

Though we are so proud of being Kentuckians, we are, in our state, somewhat divided from one another. West, East and Central feel enjoined neither to each other, nor to the whole. Rural and urban nurse jealousy, and not entirely without reason — and it has been this way for so long that it has been accepted without even realizing the cost of these hurtful divisions.

The geography of Kentucky is drawn not only on the map but also on the culture.

Everyone here, regardless of age, lives as part of a generation that has yet to know the full power of true unity as Kentuckians, one and all.

That ought not to be. What has come of this is high poverty rates and low education levels.

Not only jobs leaving the state, but also the departure of our talented youth.

An achievement gap between low-income and minority students and the rest of our children.

And a drug problem that is ravaging our communities.

But I say to you that poverty, whether of the spirit or of the world, is not our destiny.

We will restore hope. Today marks a fresh start. As we begin, the water is still and undisturbed in front of us.

My goal as I enter office is a new unity with efficiency in government, affordable healthcare, and better education.

I've studied how we can do this, and I want you to know we're going to get there without raising taxes on the hard-working people of Kentucky.

I am surrounding myself with women and men of integrity, character and self-discipline to work on behalf of the people of Kentucky. That is how to create an ethical government.

We can pass page after page of ethics laws, but in the end, they will only be honored by ethical people.

Among my first acts as governor will be an executive order to reorganize state government.

On its signing, cabinets will be merged and the first step toward greater efficiency will be taken.

And we will continue to streamline this government, not for its own sake, but to more efficiently serve and directly connect government to the people of this commonwealth.

My friends, greater prosperity for all is coming.

Kentucky government has long focused on the leaves and branches instead of the trunk and roots.

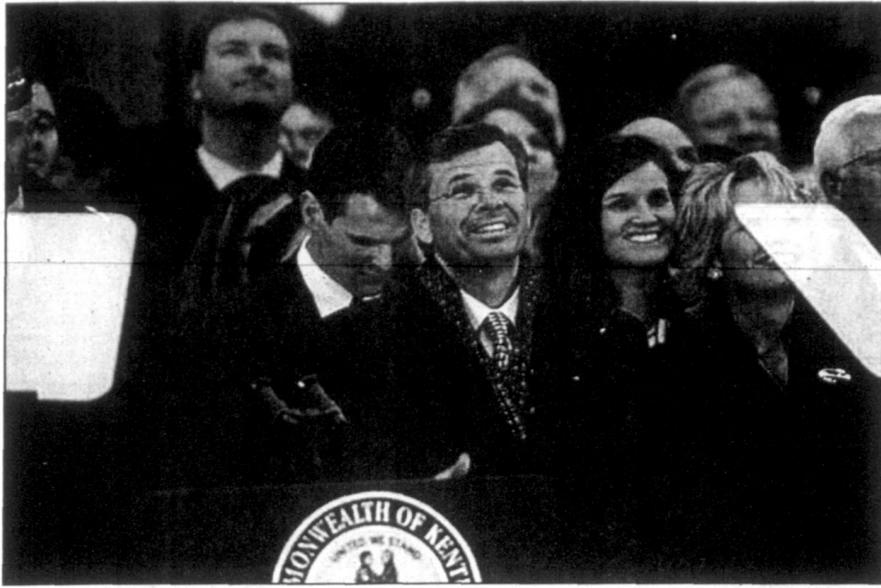
We will now focus on building an infrastructure that is ready for business in the 21st century.

And we will take a broader approach to bring opportunity.

We propose incentives to increase wages, modernize taxes, reform regulations to spur opportunity instead of running it out of the state, and more vigorous support of the industries already here.

In short, we're going to bring good jobs back home.

For healthcare, we propose measures to increase access to serv-



Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher smiles as he watches a trio of helicopters fly over at the end of his ceremonial inauguration Tuesday at the Capitol in Frankfort, Ky. Fletcher is the first Republican in 32 years to hold the office.

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ices while reducing their cost, removing disincentives so we can keep more doctors in the state, modernizing Medicaid, and working to improve the health of our citizens before problems occur.

As a physician, I am especially dedicated to improvements in this area.

And for education, I am committed to an early literacy program, quality teachers, character education, and safer classrooms.

Education is our greatest opportunity to give an irrevocable gift to the next generation.

We will build upon the successes we have seen in education over the past years.

Clearly, there has been improve-

ment, and we cannot stop now. Whatever success Kentucky has in the future will be achieved only by citizens who receive a complete and vigorous education.

And that includes higher education. In the new, knowledge-based economy, higher education is absolutely necessary. We want to have outstanding regional and research universities, and we will work to place a university among the top 20 research institutions in America.

As leaders of government, we are here to establish justice and ensure liberty. Beyond those limits is not governance, but arrogance.

Yet as the children of a higher power, the passionate focus of our

lives must be to relieve suffering, to improve lives, to work for a better future.

In my lifetime, I have known and seen suffering of many kinds, just as you have.

Seeing these things softens your heart, and brings you back to what's important in life.

This is the compassion that must guide us.

My fellow citizens, in the long view of time, I'll be your governor for only a little while.

But in this time, I want to make

a new way for our state. I look forward to a future illuminated by the best of what Kentucky has to offer.

We celebrate today, but we know that the work begins tomorrow. We will turn to the light, and to the harder road.

About 99 years ago, ground was broken on the Capitol behind me.

I do not know the name of the men who laid the stones, but their work survives because it was careful and sound, and built to last. It is not their names we recall today, living in their future, but rather their results we see before our eyes. They built something that survived them.

In this spirit, it is time for us to begin to lay stones.

If we light our way with whatever is true; whatever is honest, just, and pure; whatever is lovely, and of good rapport, and do so not only in sentiment but in fact, then we will see our hopes fulfilled.

Any immortality we know will be not only in our faith, but also in that which we give to the generations that follow.

This is the future I see for Kentucky, not just because I want it to be so, but because our people can achieve it. This state is great and so good. There is much talent, and there are so many resources right here, that if we look in the right direction and begin to work toward it, we cannot help but succeed.

Then the stir we make will ripple with success.

And when we do, the destiny we find for Kentucky will be great. New hope will be unavoidable, and as irresistible as the grace of God. Thank you.

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Christmas, as the saying goes, is where you find it. In Murray, it might be in a 1940s home on Olive Boulevard or in a new suburban version of an 1880s farmhouse.

Whether a new or older home, everyone will certainly find Christmas in all of the homes on the 22nd Annual Kappa Tour of Homes. The Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club sponsors this holiday event each year to raise money for the needs of the community. This year, the proceeds will benefit the Calloway County Fire and Rescue squad.

The first stop is on Olive Boulevard, one of the last streets built by the WPA, a street where the residents are very proud to be living on this tree-lined boulevard. The residents line the boulevard with luminaries each year and will do so this year on the weekend of the tour. This street has traditionally been a street of college professors and single residents; however, these days there are a number of young families in these wonderful old homes.

Randy and LeeAnn Taylor and their three children live at 1318 Olive Blvd. in a home built by Marvin and Lily Wrather in 1948.

Today, this home is both elegant and comfortable for children as evidenced by the downstairs children's play room. Beautiful crown molding and built-in shelves with interesting displays give the living room a dignified feel while a soft sectional couch gives the children a comfy spot to watch a video. The original screened sleeping porch off of the living room has been transformed into a sunroom with a pleasant view of the landscaped backyard. The front door with fanlight is original to the house, and the front porch has been restored. There are many original light fixtures in the home as well as working telephone cubbies.

There is a beautiful 250-year-old family chest in the entry hall. The bedrooms are on the second floor with the master extending the full length of one side of the house. This home is a perfect setting for the children to enjoy Christmas; there is always a tree with lights on the exterior upper portico of the house, tradition started by the Wrathers. The Christmas decorations are child-friendly and whimsical.

The Taylors love their home on the boulevard, which was the family home of a childhood friend of LeeAnn's. She also has a fondness for the next home on the tour, one where she lived in the garage apartment of Joy and Pete Waldrop while in college, and Randy proposed to her while she was living there. LeeAnn and Randy plan to live in this house even if their family were to double in size.

On the other side of the boulevard is the home of Pete and Joy Waldrop. The Waldrops share the Taylors' love of Olive Boulevard, and have lived at 1319 Olive for many years. Their home was built in the 1940s by two women who lived separately in the home. The upstairs has a full kitchen and living room area of its own. During the building of the home, the women lived in the garage apartment in back which will be open for the tour as well.

Pete and Joy have made many changes to the home such as pickling the floors and preserving the paneling with a pickled and white washed technique rather than painting over it. The home is warm, comfortable, and flooded with light from large windows throughout the downstairs. Of special interest is

Homes for the Holidays

The 22nd Annual Kappa Tour of Homes offers 'Christmas On & Off the Boulevard'



The Taylor Home



The Waldrop Home



The Faculty Club



The Blackburn Home

the drawing of the home by an art student in the living room as well as a large stained-glass window that fits perfectly in the dining room window. A silk crazy quilt that belong to Joy's grandmother hangs in the stairwell. Joy always has an American flag proudly displayed on the exterior of their home.

The Waldrops enlarged the small existing downstairs kitchen to include a cozy banquette for informal dining.

The kitchen door leads out to a peaceful backyard and the charming garage apartment. The upstairs bedrooms are named for the Waldrops' grandchildren who love to come for a sleep-over. Their daughter, Julie Cunningham, an interior designer in Louisville, remodeled her old bedroom upstairs and assisted Joy with much of the decorating of the home and lends a hand at the holidays as well. Joy says when Julie comes home for Thanksgiving, the holiday decorating begins. Santas stand on each step of the entry hall staircase along with an antique Charlie Brown-type tree in the entry decorated with antique ornaments. Joy displays her Christmas Village collection and uses live garland in her decorating. The Waldrop home is filled with antiques, cherished gifts, and happy memories.

Right off the boulevard at 309 N. 14th St. is the Faculty Club built in 1937 by Murray State University as the Home Management House. Home Economics students were required to live in the house for six

weeks to complete a course designed for women who planned to be homemakers and mothers.

Closed in 1980, the house currently is leased to MSU faculty and used for many campus events. The house will be decorated for the Tour of Homes by local shops, including Le Marche', The Corner Shoppe, Red Barn Garden Shoppe, Penique's, Vintage Rose Emporium and Wilson's Florist. Drop in for a Christmas cookie and a hot drink provided by Kappa members.

Off the boulevard, but equally charming and interesting, is the home of David and Anne Blackburn at 704 Nancy Drive. This three-year-old home was modeled after an 1880s farm house.

Anne said that Christmas is her favorite time of year, and this home reflects this love. "There is a little bit of Christmas in every room," says Anne, who decorates two trees for the holidays. One feature is a family memory tree filled with ornaments purchased on trips. Each year a new ornament is added which reflects something that has happened in the family during that year. The other tree is decorated with Mark Roberts' Christmas Fairies. This home has the best of both worlds. It is a home that has all of the modern conveniences combined with the charm and character of another time. It is a perfect blending of both and is a wonderful setting for a Christmas gathering.

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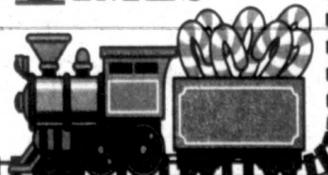


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The Family

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003:
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** What you might want to do or buy for someone close just might not suit this person. Know that everything doesn't have to happen yesterday. An easy, observing approach will take you in a new direction, if you're willing. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Take charge, as you are the most likely to get what you want and need. You have a special way of telling others what you expect. Associates respond, as well as your family. Results revolve around friendship and teamwork. A child needs extra time. Tonight: Where the crowds are.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Your way of approaching family and others in general draws some very positive results. Realize that you might need to take the lead, even if you would prefer not to. Your instincts guide you down the right path. Excitement surrounds you. Tonight: Join friends for a late meal.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Some simply like you, which is quite clear in what they say and what they do. Express your generous and giving side. Return calls. Your bright and happy manner could turn another's day around. Add more caring to your daily life. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Others praise your work and your abilities. You might see this approval in the form of a bonus or a pay raise. Work with people individually, and you will gain as a result. Others appreciate your undivided attention. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Your ability to relate to others comes out. Your understanding, which to many appears as wisdom, gives you a gentleness or wholeness that others delight in. Sort through the many invitations. Everyone wants the Goat! Tonight: Out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Enthusiasm marks your professional and personal lives. How you say what you feel could make a big difference in how a superior, boss or even a mate responds. Be sensitive to those around you. Plunge into work, as you will get a lot done quickly. Tonight: Get physical.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Reach out for a child, loved one or friend who might have been playing it rather low-key. Your way of verbalizing has much to do with the positive response you get. Start discussing a trip in the near future. Tonight: Away you go.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** A key partner might be overly enthusiastic about how to spend your money. You might want to say "no," but somehow, somehow, this person manipulates you into taking a strong action. Establish stronger boundaries. Tonight: Your treat.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You're upbeat but nearly rigid that you have things your way. Consider more carefully your options that surround a loved one. A conversation doesn't have to spill the beans, but

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Realize when you have had enough of a situation and say "no." How you say no might make all the difference in the reception. A partner proves most instrumental as he or she explains what is on his or her mind.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Be careful about mixing business and pleasure. You might understand this fine line, but another might not. You find that others appreciate your efforts. Be as clear as possible with a special loved one. This person needs your attention. Tonight: Play as if the weekend was beginning.

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Low blood pressure may have consequences

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about POTS — postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome?

DEAR READER: Sometimes, in the presence of heart disease and drug therapy for cardiovascular ailments, people experience a sudden and substantial drop in blood pressure when they quickly sit up or stand. This causes weakness, lightheadedness or fainting that is associated with tachycardia (rapid pulse), as the heart tries to compensate by pumping more blood, against gravity, to the brain.

The causes of this affliction are legion, but the end result is the same: postural low blood pressure with secondary tachycardia, causing far more pronounced symptoms than the mild lightheadedness we all may occasionally experience upon rapid standing.

In patients taking medicine to lower blood pressure, the drug may be to blame. Thus, the syndrome can be prevented with a simple reduction in the drug's dosage, under medical supervision. For those who are not medicated, the therapy is somewhat more complicated. Regular exercise will help by toning up the cardiovascular system. (POTS is much more frequent in sedentary individuals and is common in people who have been confined to bed.)

Also, doctors may encourage more dietary salt (to increase blood volume and blood pressure), or prescribe elastic support stockings (to stabilize the circulation and prevent pooling of blood in the lower extremities).

In my experience, however, patients with non-drug-induced POTS should be examined by cardi-

ologists and have further evaluation, such as Holter monitors and stress tests.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently hospitalized for IV antibiotic therapy because of pain and fever from diverticulitis. Now I'm concerned about a recurrence. My gastroenterologist indicated that there is no cure or method to prevent future infections. Can this be true?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid so. As we age, tiny pockets may appear in the colonic lining. Called diverticulosis, these small pouches ordinarily cause no symptoms.

However, these diverticula can become inflamed and infected, leading to abdominal pain, gas, maldigestion, intestinal abscesses, or bleeding. Thus, diverticulosis may progress into diverticulitis, the acute treatment of which includes a soft diet and antibiotics. (If the bleeding is severe or the infection is extensive, surgery may be necessary to remove the diseased tissue.)

Unfortunately, there is no generally accepted method or diet to prevent diverticulitis. Although some experts prohibit roughage and fruit with small seeds (which are sometimes associated with diverticulitis), the relation of diet to the disorder is far from clear.

Therefore, your gastroenterologist is correct. While you may choose to limit your diet (to avoid foods that you've found by experience worsen your affliction), there is no consistent cure or preventive. Your acute attacks will simply have to be treated as they occur, unless you choose to have an operation to remove the part of your colon most affected.

For related information, readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title "Diverticular Disease."

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Flashing game goes too far when boys start playing rough

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and I have two questions.

I was shopping with my friend "Crystal," and we saw some guys we know. They're a year or two younger, so I thought they were just being stupid kids when they not-so-subtly tried to get me to flash them.

I'm ashamed to say I played along and lifted my top a little and unintentionally gave them a glimpse of my bra. They kept pestering me for more. It was just annoying until one of them reached for my top and tried to pull it down twice. Then one of them said to grab my arms and hold me down, which two of them did, while another one held Crystal back. They nearly succeeded in removing my top and bra, and more than one of them got a hand down my bra.

Was I at fault for this incident because I encouraged them? Am I making a mountain out of a molehill, or is this kind of thing no big deal? — HUMILIATED IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

DEAR HUMILIATED: The answers to your questions are yes and no. Children who play with fire run the risk of being seriously burned. And girls who engage in sexual teasing run a similar risk. That's the lesson you should have learned from this embarrassing and, I'm sure, frightening incident. When you lifted your top, you sent a signal to the boys that you were willing to "play" — and things got out of hand.

However, whether or not it was intended as horseplay, the boys went too far. Because of that, you should inform your mother and/or dad so they can discuss it with the parents of the boys involved. An authority figure — preferably a parent —

needs to talk to those boys about the definition of sexual assault and battery, because that's what occurred. Unless they are warned, it will happen again. And next time, the police could be involved.

DEAR ABBY: Every year you discuss practical gifts for senior citizens. When my late second cousin, "Pat," turned 94, she was having serious problems with her vision. She loved corresponding with friends, but could no longer write in a straight line, so her envelopes could not be read correctly by the post office.

I asked a friend if she would create some stationery that my cousin could use; she removed the thread from her sewing machine, and on the back of each sheet of paper "stitched" parallel lines about 1/2 inch apart. I asked her to do the same with the envelopes, but to make only four lines where the address would go.

Cousin Pat loved her beautiful — and useful — stationery. Her friends were able to read her handwriting, and so could the U.S. Postal Service. It's easy to write in a straight line when your fingers can feel the tiny "bumps" that the needle makes.

I'm a retired former Braille teacher, and machine-stitching is one of the techniques I would use to make geometry drawings for blind students. (I wonder if banks would permit this on personal checks?)

I hope this idea will help more people with fading eyesight to keep

LookingBack

10 years ago
"Recollections Volume VII," written and published by the Honors English students of Lynda Coleman's classes at Calloway County High School, is now available for sale at the school.

Kappa Tour of Homes, sponsored by Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club, will be Dec. 12 at the homes of Tom and Becky Muehleman, 503 Poplar St., Mrs. Skip Neale at 810 Olive St., Steve and Cindy Towery, 2115 Edinborough, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house at 16th and Main Streets.

20 years ago
City and county governments are recipients of grant money from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to be used for record management and preservation.

Recent births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wright, Nov. 18; a girl to Rita and Andy Elkins, a boy to Bettye and David Chadwick, a boy to Natalie and Richard Duke, Nov. 30; a girl to Donna and Robert Lamar, Dec. 1; a boy to Karen and James Andrus, Dec. 2.

Murray High School Tigers won over Hickman County Falcons in a basketball game. High team scorers were Jay Wells for Murray and Fitts for Hickman.

30 years ago
Published is a picture of Ricky Edwards of Calloway County Fire-Rescue Squad checking through the ruins of the lakeside cabin near Panorama Shores which was

destroyed by fire last night. Answering the call were 18 members of the squad.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers won over Benton Indians and Murray Tigers won over Paducah Tilghman. High team scorers were James Wells for Calloway, Hoover for Benton, Ray Lane and Tyrone McCuiston for Murray, and Larry Flatt for Tilghman.

40 years ago
Pvt. Gerald T. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Parker, will leave Dec. 13 for Germany where he will be stationed for 18 months. He has been stationed at Fort Polk, La.

Carolyn Jean Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson, has been named as basketball queen of Murray College High School. Her attendants are Norma Jean Lamb and Carolyn McNeely.

Murray State College Thoroughbreds won 83 to 57 over Oglethorpe University Braves of Atlanta, Ga., in a basketball game. High team scorer for Murray was Jim Jennings.

50 years ago
A check for \$1,000 has been received from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to meet the most urgent hospital, nursing and medical bills which the Calloway Chapter has assumed for local polio patients.

More than 500 high school musicians are expected to attend the Quad-State Band Festival at Murray State College on Dec. 14, according to Prof. Richard W. Farrell of the MSC music faculty.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2003. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date: In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

In 1967, singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.

Five years ago: Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee lined up one by one in favor of impeaching President Clinton; Democrats vowed opposition after lawyers clashed in closing arguments over alleged "high crimes and misdemeanors." Six astronauts jubilantly swung open the doors to the new international space station, becoming the first guests aboard the 250-mile-high outpost.

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ContractBridge

A Valuable Convention

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 10 8 7 6 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ Q 7
♣ Q 7

WEST
♠ J 9 4 3
♥ 9
♦ A J 6 3
♣ J 8 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ 8 4
♦ K 9 8 5 4 2
♣ K 10 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 5
♥ A K Q J 10 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
6♥ Pass Pass Dble

* Artificial and forcing
Opening lead — three of spades.

When a player not on lead doubles a slam voluntarily reached by the opponents, the double nearly always is conventional. In effect, it tells partner to make an unusual lead and indicates that the doubler expects to defeat the slam if partner finds the right lead.

There is ample justification for this convention. Ordinarily, when a

pair undertakes a slam, they either make it or go down one, and there is little to be gained by doubling.

But if a double by the player not on lead is reserved for cases where only an unusual lead will stop the slam, the gain is enormous when the double is successful. Thus, in the present case, if East's double induces a spade lead that East ruffs, and this is followed by a diamond return and another ruff, East-West score a two-trick set instead of being on the wrong side of a vulnerable slam.

East's double clearly requests a spade lead. A diamond or club lead would be normal on the bidding, so the double bars either of these leads. West did lead a spade — the three — which East ruffed, but East, faced with a difficult choice of returns, shifted to a club. As a result, South made the slam.

Oddly enough, the principal culprit in the misdefense was actually West, not East. West should reason that East might not know what to return after trumping the first trick. He should therefore lead the nine of spades initially rather than the three as a suit-preference signal to East, asking for the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits to be returned. With this cue to guide him, East would have had a much easier time finding the winning defense.

Tomorrow: The so-called guessing game.
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Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- Jetty
 - Cartoonist — Keane
 - Optimism
 - Skilled
 - Yale alumnus
 - Approve
 - Determination
 - Everybody
 - Dashiell's peer
 - Weights anchor
 - Photographer Ansel —
 - One of the other
 - Breathe hard
 - Mouse-spotter's cry
 - Walk barefoot
 - Like some chatter
 - Tire filler
 - Modern art form
 - Fawn's parent
 - Compete at an auction
 - dad
 - Detestable
 - Dreary
 - Striped animal
 - Tentlike dwelling
 - Boxer's stat
 - Mel role
 - Decorate the tree
 - Mr. Fleming
 - Pvt.'s superiors
 - Scrapes by
 - Compass pt.
 - He loved Lucy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Z	E	R	O	H	U	G	S	S	T	E
A	G	O	G	A	N	N	A	C	A	L
P	O	U	R	S	A	N	D	A	L	S
G	E	W	G	A	W	O	R	C	A	
R	A	H	S	O	F	O	N	E		
A	C	E	B	R	E	A	D	S	J	O
F	I	R	E	H	O	F	E	B		
T	D	K	I	D	D	E	R	L	E	E
S	A	C	R	A	C	A	R	Y		
A	C	H	Y	C	E	D	A	R	S	
A	U	R	O	R	A	S	R	E	H	E
R	T	E	U	S	S	R	M	E	G	A
P	E	W	M	A	Y	A	E	D	G	E

DOWN

- Rabbit's foot
- Egret cousin
- La senorita
- Ease, as a headache
- Wild animal
- Feeling lousy
- Mae West role
- Worked the soil
- Gumbo
- Hand part
- Potato buds
- Turnor, perhaps
- Actress Joan Van —
- Kid's classic
- Always, to Byron
- Stashed away
- Ancient Tokyo
- Stein filler
- Norm
- Summer cooler
- Trial VIPs
- to the rescue
- Break up
- choy
- Drag into court
- Gas made by lightning
- Computer magazine
- Prowl
- Toledo's lake
- They need a PIN
- Wedding confetti
- Uproars
- Stalemate
- Nebr. neighbor
- So far — know

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Toys For Tots Donation

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 Ray Pawlowski, commandant of the Marine Corps League Detachment in Murray, presents Terry Turner, branch manager, and Sharon Wilson, customer service representative, of First American Cash Advance, with a \$205 check and a bag full of toys for the Toys For Tots program. The Toys For Tots program was formed by the Marine Corps after World War II. The First American office inside Murray's Olympic Plaza along North 12th Street, serves as a collection point for Toys For Tots and has served this function for three years. Toys can continue being donated through Dec. 15 and money donations will be taken through Dec. 27.

Rehab Associates to host program for fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue sufferers

Rehab Associates now has available a rare opportunity to all who suffer from fibromyalgia and chronic fatiguesyndrome. The International Coalition for Wellness has selected Rehab Associates as an introductory site for their program, "Seven Steps to Freedom."
 Kay Walker, R.N., founder and director of the program, is a fibromyalgia survivor who suffered for four years before developing the program.
 According to Walker, the seven steps reversed her symptoms and allowed her to regain quality of life. Her goal is to reach as many of the 40 million fibromyalgia sufferers as she possibly can.
 The program which is now offered in several cities across the U.S. has a current success rate of 83 percent.
 "Seven Steps to Freedom" is holistic in nature and addresses nutrition, exercise, sleep deprivation, stress, coping techniques, along with other factors, in a unique sequence.
 For more information, contact Kathy Rorer, P.T. at (270) 527-5575.

Applications for WHIP are being accepted

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program sign-up. Landowners may apply for WHIP at any time; however, applications received by Jan. 9 will be considered for the 2004 program year. Applications received after that date are held until the next evaluation period.

WHIP provides land users an opportunity to improve wildlife habitat. The program allows up to 75 percent cost-share assistance for eligible practices on land they own or control.

In Kentucky, WHIP's primary focus is to restore and create early successional habitats. Planting native grasses, shrubs and wildlife-friendly introduced grasses are eligible practices under Kentucky's 2004 WHIP cost-share assistance.

Other eligible practices for cost-share assistance include filter strips; forest stand improvement; field borders; tree plantings; riparian buffers; wildlife watering holes; and fencing to exclude livestock from streams, woodland, wetlands and wildlife lands.

WHIP applications are evaluated and ranked to determine which applications provide the most beneficial habitats.

To apply for WHIP, please contact Steve Alcott, district conservationist, at the USDA Service Center at 753-5151 or Tony Black, biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 270-247-3780.

WKCTC orientation set for Dec. 16

PADUCAH, Ky. — Orientation for new students at West Kentucky Community and Technical College will be Tuesday, December 16.

The orientation will be held in two sessions at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Clemens Fine Arts Theatre.

Spring classes begin January 7. The admissions office will be closed for the holiday break from December 24 through January 1. Late registration will be held January 5 through January 13.

For more information, call (270) 534-3264.

AFMA, UFAC offer safety tips for the holiday season

HIGH POINT, N.C. — A crackling fire in the fireplace, candles on the mantle, goodies in the oven and a house full of family and friends. The stage is set for festive holiday celebrations — and for increased hazards in the home.

Keep your family and friends safe throughout the season by following these six safety tips from the American Furniture Manufacturers Association, in conjunction with the Upholstered Furniture Action Council.

■ **Fireplaces** — Always use a fireplace screen and do not burn paper or any other material that may float out and onto furnishings, including evergreens, which, when dry, can flare out of control and send sparks flying into a room. Make sure Christmas trees are at least three feet away from fireplaces and other heat sources.

■ **Candles** — Never use lighted candles on a tree or near any evergreens. Place candles where they

cannot be knocked down or blown over. Make sure lit candles, as well as the matches or lighters used to light them, are well out of the reach of children.

Buying upholstery that carries the gold Upholstered Furniture Action Council hangtag means the piece was manufactured using construction criteria designed to reduce the likelihood of fire caused by cigarettes. However, upholstery exposed to an open flame from a candle, lighter, match or other source can still ignite and may burn rapidly with toxic gas and thick smoke.

■ **Overloaded outlets** — Decorations, increased cooking and house guests all contribute to an increased reliance on extension cords and outlet adapters. Don't string extension cords across doorways, stairs, walkways or other areas where they will pose a tripping hazard. Plug your tree — and any electrical toys — into outlets pro-

ected by a ground fault circuit interrupter.

■ **Overnight guests** — Do not allow children to open or to play on recliners, sofa sleepers or trundle beds. Always keep hands and feet clear of mechanisms when opening and closing recliners and sofa-sleepers. Be wary of using antique or hand-me-down beds for overnight guests. The construction may be unstable, and antique hardware may be dangerous in the hands of small children.

Also, old cribs can pose entrapment hazards from poorly spaced slats and ill-fitting mattresses.

Always review safety rules with children spending the night in your home, particularly if they will be sleeping on bunk beds (not recommended for children younger than 6 years old). Make sure bunk beds have been constructed to comply with the federal mandatory safety standard.

■ **Holiday clutter** — Plan ahead

to handle holiday clutter. Have garbage bags ready for package wrappings so excess paper is not cluttered around fireplaces or candles that are lit.

A storage ottoman could help keep pillows and linens used by overnight guests out from under foot and away from fireplaces and candles. Bookshelves with storage baskets make fast and easy clean-up of new toys and all their pieces. However, don't overload shelves, and consider anchoring taller units to the wall to prevent possible tip-over.

Remember that dressers, china cabinets and other storage pieces can also pose a tip-over hazard for small children, who love making a ladder out of open drawers.

■ **Safe home entertainment** — Nearly all American homes have televisions, and a growing number have home theaters or larger format televisions. One size does not fit all when it comes to today's varied for-

mat televisions. If a new TV is on your holiday wish list, make sure you have the appropriate furniture to accommodate the new size and weight distribution.

Don't allow children to climb on or play on furniture housing a television. Avoid placing any items on top of the TV (or the furniture housing the TV) that small children may try to reach, including VCRs and remotes, as well as toys or decorations.

Finally, make sure all smoke detectors in your home are in working order. You should have at least one on each floor, including the basement.

The American Furniture Manufacturers Association is headquartered in High Point, N.C. — the furniture capital of the world — and represents more than 200 leading U.S. furniture manufacturers and an additional 250 suppliers to the industry.



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 Parent's Name _____

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