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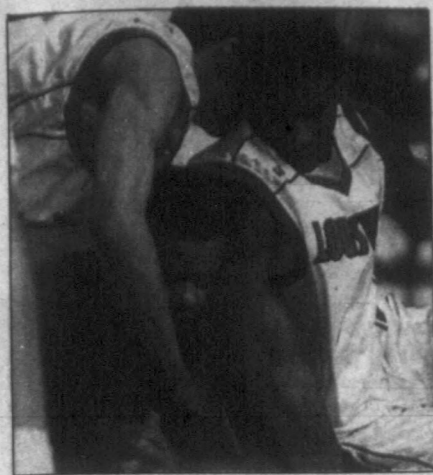
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U.S. helicopter goes down today, 4 soldiers killed

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. Black Hawk helicopter went down in Iraq today, and all eight people on board were killed, a U.S. military spokeswoman said.

The military said it was an "emergency landing" but gave no further details. At least four of the victims were soldiers, she said.

The helicopter went down near Fallujah, the spokeswoman said. The area, west of Baghdad, is a hotbed of the insurgency against the

U.S. occupation.

A U.S. helicopter was shot down Jan. 3 in the same area, killing one soldier. Military officials said it almost certainly was shot down by rebels.

In the deadliest single attack on U.S. forces since the Iraq invasion began in March, 17 soldiers were killed on Nov. 15 when two Black Hawk helicopters collided above Mosul in what the military called a likely grenade attack.

On Nov. 2, a Chinook helicopter

was shot down near Fallujah, killing 16 American soldiers and injuring 26. The military believes a SA-7 shoulder-fired missile slammed into one of the chopper's rear-mounted engines.

Wednesday, anti-American insurgents fired mortar rounds at a military camp, killing one American soldier and wounding 34 others.

Six mortar rounds exploded about 6:45 p.m. at Logistical Base Seitz west of Baghdad, in the so-called Sunni Muslim triangle that is

a stronghold of resistance to the U.S. occupation of Iraq, a spokesman said. Thirty-five soldiers were wounded in the attack, and one of them died overnight, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said.

The wounded soldiers were given first aid and have been evacuated from the site for further medical treatment," the statement said.

The Pentagon added that the soldiers were from the Army's 541st Maintenance Battalion, based in

Fort Riley, Kan., and part of the 3rd Corps Support Command.

The mortars hit "a living area where they have their sleeping quarters," the spokesman said.

A Pentagon spokesman said that some of those wounded returned to duty shortly after the attack, while others were hospitalized. The spokesman, Lt. Col. James Cassella, said he did not know how many were seriously or lightly wounded.

Earlier Wednesday, U.S. troops said they destroyed a home in

Fallujah, the center of the anti-American insurgency west of Baghdad, where enraged neighbors said a married couple was killed and their five children were orphaned.

The neighbors insisted the couple was innocent in an attack on the troops that led them to shell the house.

"This is democracy? These corpses?" Raad Majeed asked at the hospital, gesturing at the remains of the couple, on gurneys covered with bloody sheets.

Whitfield ready for competition

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Ed Whitfield takes pride in legislation he has helped pass during his five terms as a U.S. representative. But helping people at home — in Kentucky's 1st Congressional District — is what truly satisfies him.

Whitfield, a Republican, has four offices throughout the district, but completes case work out of his Hopkinsville office. He said serving the people is

about helping a family adopt a child from Guatemala or working with disabled veterans or writing a recommendation for a student to attend

West Point.

Earlier this week, Whitfield, a Hopkinsville native, announced he would seek a sixth term to office. He represents Kentucky's largest geographic congressional district, which stretches across 34 1/2 counties from Fulton County in far western Kentucky to Lincoln County, which is about 50 miles south of Lexington.

"I still feel I can make a contribution," Whitfield said in an interview Wednesday morning at the Ledger & Times. "It makes you feel good as a person to say I made a difference, knowing a family has health insurance because of legislation I helped pass."

Having seniority in Congress will help Whitfield accomplish his priorities for Kentuckians.

"We as a nation have so many problems that I believe there is

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JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Two chickens are shown in front of their burning barn at Rider Farms in northern Calloway County Wednesday afternoon. These chickens were among the 10,000 and 11,000 birds that called the barn their home.

Fire destroys chicken barn — twice

By JOHN WRIGHT Staff Writer

DEXTER, Ky. — First, there were tears for Allan and Cecelia Rider Wednesday.

Most of these were shed around 1 that morning when they were awakened to news that one of the large chicken barns on the Rider Farms establishment they've owned for 10 years was on fire. More than half of the building, located on Independence Road, fell prey to the flames, despite efforts from Calloway County Fire-Rescue.

Later, though, it seemed they had no more tears to cry. When CCFR was dispatched again shortly after 3 p.m. to fight another blaze that developed, taking the rest of the approximately 100-yard long facility with it.

There was little more to do than try to see the bright side of things, and even laugh a little. "When you're surrounded by good people, that makes it a little easier," said Allan Rider, who

along with his wife could be seen having pleasant conversations with well-wishing neighbors, as well as the firefighters in between their attempts to remove the tin skin of the building in order to gain access to the smoldering debris.

That debris included equipment for nesting and watering, as well as carcasses of thousands of chickens.

"Yeah, we had between 10,000 and 11,000 of them in there," Rider said. "And you can see how a lot of the birds wandering around outside the burned-out barn) are so singed. They're going to have to be put down."

"These birds have been in a strict biosecure area, so when they're let out of that area, the risks become too great to put them in another area. They've also been through stress and may have breathed in a lot of smoke, so, having gone through that, they probably won't be up for laying eggs again," Ray Atkinson, public relations manager for Pilgrim's Pride, the corporation

with whom Rider Farms serves as a contract grower, said from his home in Harrisonburg, Va., Wednesday night.

He added the deceased birds also will have no use for being used as food after being involved in such an occurrence. "Plus, it's very unsafe to send lab production folks in to try and get them. With the flames and smoke, they can't get in there in time to do much."

The barns at Rider Farms are classified as layer houses where hens lay eggs that are later transported to another location for hatching.

"Certainly, nobody is more upset about this than we are, and I'm sure we will do what we can to help them," said Atkinson, noting one of the few positives of the day: "From what I understand, nobody was hurt so we certainly were fortunate there."

No cause had been determined Wednesday

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Deputies make arrest in stolen vehicle case

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Calloway County Sheriff's deputies recovered three stolen vehicles Wednesday afternoon and changed a Murray man with receiving stolen property.

Michael Wayne Strong, 26, was arrested Wednesday after the owner of a residence on Hollytree Drive reported the theft of her vehicle's wheels about 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sheriff Larry Roberts said.

When deputies arrived at the residence to investigate that report, they checked the license plates of several vehicles parked on the property. Roberts said two of the vehicles — a white GMC truck and a blue Chevrolet truck — had been reported stolen from Tennessee.

Strong, who has been staying at the residence, later drove by in a black Honda SUV, which was also stolen, Roberts said. He drove off, but deputies later tracked him down and arrested him at 5:09 p.m.

"From what we can determine so far he was test driving them, then going back and stealing them," Roberts said. "It's still under investigation. We don't know who else might be involved."

Everything that glitters isn't gold ... it could be germs!

By JOHN WRIGHT Staff Writer

A touch of fear and a big helping of imagination are two ways to get a point across to a young student.

Wednesday afternoon, Murray Elementary School teacher Michelle Dickerson managed to use both of these ideas to full effect during a lesson on germs. All she needed was a pencil, some glue and gold glitter. From there, she was able to jog her students' memories from the previous day when the Murray Independent School District's nurse, Pam Oakley, used a machine known as a germ light to show just how prevalent actual germs are in the

world.

"Have you ever asked or has anybody ever asked you to borrow a pencil?" Dickerson asked her students. "You never know what is on that, do you?"

So, Dickerson dipped an ordinary No. 2 pencil into the glue and covered it with the glitter. Then, she had every student handle it, finishing the experiment with some of the students being able to use just cold water to wash the glitter away, while more fortunate souls were allowed to use warm water, soap and a towel to remove the mess.

The results were predictable ... student Chaley Roberts even asked

Dickerson for permission to clean her desk.

"We'll see how long the line gets now," laughed Dickerson as she saw eight eager P1 to P2s immediately head to the classroom sink.

"It's pretty neat for the kids, I think," said Oakley, who probably had Dickerson's students and those of other P1 and P2 teachers' classes on the verge of becoming germaphobes. "What we do is have the kids put a special lotion on their hands, then they wash, then they stick their hands under the light (which reveals the areas still containing germs after they washed)."

"Some had different reactions,

but I thought most of them handled it well. Some were rather shocked, though, but I had to explain to them that even I (can wash her hands), and I'm not going to get all of them off, either."

The timing for this exercise is not coincidental, and at the same time, is quite serious. Oakley said MES students do cover a intensive germ education program every school year. However, with the flu running rampant and causing an unusually high amount of problems nationwide so early this time, the need for defending one's self is obvious.

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JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Murray Elementary School P1 student Samantha Osborne seems somewhat spellbound by the amount of "germs" on her hand, following an experiment in her class Wednesday afternoon. The "germs" actually were slivers of gold glitter.

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Tonight will be mostly cloudy with a chance of sprinkles or flurries.

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Friday will be mostly cloudy with highs in the upper 30s.



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Correction

Judy Suiter was a passenger in a vehicle driven by James Suiter, who was involved in a two-vehicle accident on Ky. 94E Tuesday afternoon. Judy Suiter was transported to Murray-Calloway County Hospital by EMS, while James Suiter was taken by private vehicle. The other person involved in the accident, Jonathan Mathis, was transported by EMS.

A paragraph in a story in Wednesday's *Ledger* contained incorrect information.

The *Murray Ledger & Times* strives to ensure accurate and fair reporting, however mistakes occasionally occur. 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 City Council will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday night at City Hall. Ordinances concerning zoning will be discussed. Prior to the council meeting the Public Works Committee will meet at 6 p.m.
 - The Murray Independent School Board will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Thursday night at the Carter Administration Building. The School District Finance Corporation will hold its annual meeting.
 - The Calloway County Fiscal Court will have the second reading of two amendments to the 2003-04 budget on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Weaks Building. A copy of the amendments may be viewed in the judge-executive's office during business hours.

Police searching for three children reportedly abducted after four found dead

RANGER, Ga. (AP) — Four people have been found dead and three girls were believed kidnapped by a family member in northwest Georgia, authorities said. Officials issued an Amber Alert for the children this morning.

A murder warrant has been issued for 31-year-old Jerry William Jones, said Gordon County Sheriff's spokesman Clent Harris.

Authorities believe Jones has the children and is driving a 1991 red or maroon Ford Explorer. The vehicle has the Georgia license plate number 730YFV. It was last seen traveling west on Georgia Highway 156 from U.S. 411.

Brittany Phelps, 10, Brandy Jones, 4, and Tammy Jones, 3, were last seen Wednesday at a home in Ranger, 55 miles north of Atlanta. Authorities say the children are in extreme danger. Details about the deaths and the relationships of the victims were not immediately released.

Cuts announced by Gov. Fletcher include some education programs

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Budget cuts by Gov. Ernie Fletcher have reduced some education program funding by \$6.9 million.

The cuts amount to a 2.5 percent reduction for preschool and after-school programs, Family Resource Centers, education technology and other programs, the state Education Department said. The budget cuts were ordered on Monday.

Blake Haselton, superintendent of Oldham County schools, said such cuts were inconsistent with Fletcher's message that elementary and secondary education would be spared cuts.

A news release issued by Fletcher's office on Monday said the cuts do "not result in reductions of funds to Kentucky school districts."

But Wes Irvin, Fletcher's communications director, said Wednesday that the language in the statement "might not have been right." Irvin said the governor's intention was to protect the \$2.2 billion in basic school funding known

as Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, or SEEK.

Irvin said Fletcher has lived up to that promise. "What we've said is we're going to protect the SEEK formula, and that's what we've done," Irvin said.

The 2.5 percent cuts in education grant programs were prepared by the state Education Department "to be those that would impose the least pain on individual districts," said Brad Cowgill, Fletcher's budget director.

There are 774 Family and Youth Resource Centers located in Kentucky schools. They provide the extra services low-income and at-risk students might need to improve their chances to succeed in school.

Jaye Sparber Bittner, coordinator of the Family Resource Center at Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School in Jefferson County, said any cut in her \$68,500 annual budget "is going to hurt."

"The reason we've been so successful for 13 years is we're in the

schools," Bittner said. "Students can refer themselves to us."

The Education Department gave *The Courier-Journal* a document that details the cuts.

They include \$2.5 million in preschool, kindergarten and after-school programs; \$1.6 million in the Family Resource Center programs; and \$585,000 in education technology, according to the department.

Smaller cuts are coming in such programs as teacher training, minority teacher recruitment and school nutrition.

Gov. Fletcher's spending cuts — designed to partly cover an estimated \$302 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year that ends June 30 — total \$147 million.



Fletcher

Chicken ...

From Front

afternoon. Another barn, the same size as the one destroyed Wednesday, was not damaged.

"We're glad to still have that. If it wasn't for that, I don't know we would do," Rider said, explaining that the barn still in use houses the same number of birds as the one

destroyed.

Still, one barn is gone, but both Riders say dwelling on the past is just not an option and are confident they will rebuild.

"We have no choice," Cecelia Rider said. "It just really hurts to see your livelihood burn like this. But this is all I know. We have to go on." The barn was already engulfed in

flames by the time CCFR arrived, first with units from Station 4 in Alto, then later from Station 1 in Murray.

"I got my call at 12:51 in the morning, and the fire department was already here. They were great. They couldn't have done more," she said.

Whitfield ...

From Front

work to do," he said. "I feel I can be more effective in this district than any other person right now. It's been an honor to represent this district

and have the trust and confidence of the people who live here."

National security will remain an important issue, said Whitfield, whose district includes Fort Campbell. The 101st Airborne Division, which is based at Fort Campbell, fought in major combat before moving to northern Iraq to help rebuild the country. With 59 deaths, more soldiers from Fort Campbell than any other military installation have been killed in Iraq. Fifty-seven were from the 101st.

"We've had more casualties in that group — not because they aren't well-trained," Whitfield said. "They are serving in the most dangerous area, in northern Iraq, where

there are Saddam loyalists."

Medicaid and Medicare will remain priorities for legislators, Whitfield said. Health insurance also will continue to receive attention from federal lawmakers.

Whitfield also wants a tobacco buy-out program for local farmers.

With exports increasing and new jobs available, Whitfield said he is excited and optimistic about the nation's economy, which has been sluggish. He attributes some of the economic turn around to the federal government's tax plan and hopes to boost the state's economy with a major manufacturing facility in western Kentucky.

"Our tax plan did provide a stimulative affect," Whitfield said. "I am cautiously optimistic about the economy."

Whitfield is one of five Republicans representing Kentucky in the House. The sixth is a

Democrat. The state's two U.S. senators also are Republicans. Ernie Fletcher was inaugurated as Kentucky's first Republican governor in more than three decades and was boosted in his campaign by President George W. Bush.

"I look forward not only to working with a Republican president in his administration in Washington, D.C., but also with Fletcher to improve the standard of living in Kentucky from an education and economic development and agriculture standpoint," Whitfield said.

No Democratic candidate has announced candidacy for the 2004 election against incumbent Whitfield, but that doesn't prevent the Republican from being ready.

"I always expect competition," Whitfield said. "I've always had competition. I've spent the last year preparing for an opponent as far as having a campaign ready."

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Germs ...

From Front

Before December was over, more than 40 states — much more than usual — had, at one time or another, reported widespread cases of influenza. And with some medical experts now warning that the peak of this flu season — despite the early surge — may still be yet to come, the idea of improved hygiene seems popular as the top way to combat the virus.

Hand washing has already received a lot of attention in stories that have been displayed on television and in newspapers about the flu. However, MES students have

been taught another way to better their defense, even when they are feeling less than 100 percent.

"I went to (a Murray area nursing home) the other day, and I had to cough. I coughed onto my arm," said MES administrative assistant Carol Chapman, noting her act received less than positive attention at first. "Somebody saw this and said to me, 'Why are you coughing that way?' I told her, 'I'm at a school where this is taught (as has been for several years). It's a school-wide thing here, and everybody is doing a good job with doing that it seems.'"

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John T. Irvan

John T. Irvan, 86, Wells Boulevard, Murray, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at 5:59 p.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

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

John David (J.D.) Mills

John David (J.D.) Mills, 53, Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Memphis, Tenn., died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, in Atlanta.

He was a former employee of the Internal Revenue Service for 32 years. Mr. Mills attended Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn., and was a graduate of University of Memphis. An Eagle Scout, he was also a member of the Order of Arrow of Boy Scouting and of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gail A. Mills; his parents, James D. and Elizabeth Mills, Memphis; one sister, Mrs. Charlotte M. Hammack, Murray, Ky.; one brother, Dr. James B. Mills, Milan, Tenn.; one niece, Jennifer Mills, and two nephews, James Wallace Hammack III and James Mills, all of Murray.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to Atlanta Area Council of Boy Scouts of America or Canine Assistants in Alpharetta, Ga.

Donald Denny

Donald Denny, Lebanon, Tenn., formerly of Murray, Ky., died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Jo Denny; four sons, Daryl Denny and wife, Donna, Ronald Denny and Donnie Denny, all of Lebanon, and Mike Denny and wife, Ann, Norfolk, Va.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Karen Gail Brenz and husband, Dr. Ronald Brenz, San Antonio, Texas, formerly of Murray; one stepson, David Coker and wife, Cassandra, Murray.

The funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Nave Funeral Home, Lebanon.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after noon today (Thursday).

Mrs. Oveller Mae Owens

Mrs. Oveller Mae Owens, 86, Princeton Road, Cadiz, sister of Mrs. Louise Hill of Murray, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at 1:43 p.m. at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville.

Her husband, James Benjamin Owens, two sisters, Nannie Duncan and Mable Oakley; two brothers, Bert George and Ray George, and one great-grandchild, Dusty Ray Sexton, all preceded her in death. Born June 2, 1917, in McMinnville, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Charlie George and Hattie Louise Craig George Jackson.

Mrs. Owens was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Marie Alexander and husband, Billy, Mrs. Charlene Freeman and husband, James Robert, and Mrs. Debbie Holder and husband, Wilbur, and one son, James Ray Owens, all of Cadiz; one sister, Mrs. Louise Hill, Murray; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz. The Rev. Gary Snyder will officiate. Burial will follow in the Lawrence Cemetery in Trigg County.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today (Thursday).

James Edmund Kendall

The funeral for James Edmund Kendall will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Sulfur Well Church of Christ, Paris, Tenn. Randy Stevens will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be at the church after 10 a.m. Saturday.

Morrow Funeral Chapel of LaCenter, Ky., is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Kendall, 81, Chicago, Ill., formerly of Springville, Tenn., died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 3:35 p.m. at Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Calvert City, Ky.

He was the son of the late Robert Frederick Kendall and Bessie Roe Kendall. Also preceding him in death were two sisters and four brothers.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the Normandy invasion. He was a member of D.L. Moody Church, Chicago.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Kendall Peebles, Murray, and several nieces and nephews.

Bills to require 'front-line' staffers in nursing homes

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Legislation being introduced in both the House and Senate would require many nursing homes to hire more nursing aides and other "front-line caregivers."

"Unbelievably, there are no state staffing standards for nursing homes," Bernie Vonderheide, a retired University of Kentucky administrator who independently lobbies for improved nursing home conditions, said at a news conference Wednesday.

Instead, Vonderheide said, nursing homes are required only to maintain "sufficient" staff, which has been "widely and wildly interpreted" by nursing home administrators. He said the vast majority of complaints to the state's nursing home ombudsmen involve allegedly inadequate staffing.

An industry official said the legislation, if enacted, would amount to micromanagement by the state.

"It's an overly simplistic solution to what is a very complex issue," Rich Miller, president of the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities, said in a telephone interview.

Staffing decisions are best left to the professionals — administrators, nurses and medical directors — who run nursing homes, Miller

said. "At the end of the day somebody has to have the responsibility to manage the resource. The question is: Should it be the bureaucracy in Frankfort or should it be the licensed health care professional at the bedside?" he said.

Nursing homes are largely funded through Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program for the poor and disabled. The budget for Kentucky's Medicaid program is \$4 billion a year, of which \$600 million goes to nursing homes.

Legislation being introduced by Republican Sen. Tom Buford and Democratic Rep. Kathy Stein would require nursing homes to spend 80 percent of any future Medicaid increase on staffing. A state committee would determine minimum staffing levels.

Miller, of the nursing home association, said putting strings on funding was absurd. He said a nursing home that already had adequate staff but which needed a new roof would be unable to use Medicaid money for it.

"It's basically somebody telling you how to spend your money. That's almost impossible to manage," Miller said.

Two other bills about nursing homes also are

being introduced in both chambers.

One would make it a Class D felony to tip a nursing home about an impending state inspection.

"We've got to make sure the objectivity of these inspections... is not sabotaged," one bill sponsor, Democratic Sen. Ernesto Scorsone of Lexington, said.

Tipping off a nursing home is a firing offense for a state government employee but there is no general penalty for it, Scorsone said.

It became an issue in an investigation of former Gov. Paul Patton because Tina Conner, a former nursing home operator with whom Patton had a two-year affair, claimed someone in Patton's office alerted her to an inspection. Patton denied it.

Scorsone said his bill was unrelated to Conner and her former nursing home, Birchtree Healthcare of Hickman.

A third bill would continue funding of 15 state long-term-care ombudsmen around the state. They cost \$469,000 a year, the money coming from fines collected by the state from nursing homes for various violations. The ombudsman program is to expire June 30 unless it is reauthorized.

Bush's immigrant-legalizing plan could draw Hispanics to GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promoting a plan that could brighten his election-year prospects with Hispanic voters, President Bush on Wednesday proposed legal status — at least temporarily — for millions of illegal immigrants working in the United States.

But the sweeping policy overhaul, offered with few specifics, also angered many in the president's conservative Republican base of support and drew criticism from advocacy groups who questioned whether it would do much to help immigrants.

Democrats were untied in calling the plan a political ploy that offers a false promise of legitimacy for the undocumented workers.

Decrying a system that now has "millions of hardworking men and women condemned to fear and insecurity in a massive undocumented economy," Bush urged Congress to approve a temporary worker program.

The program would be open to all undocumented workers now in the United States. Applicants who can show they have a job — or for those still in their home countries, a job offer — would get an initial three-year work permit that would be renewable for an unspecified period.

"We should have immigration laws that work and make us proud. Yet today we do not," Bush said in the White House's East Room, which he entered to loud cheers from dozens of representatives from Hispanic organizations and immigration groups.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, praised Bush for opening the debate and said that a new immigration policy should



Bush

"extend a welcoming hand to those whose presence will benefit our nation and our economy."

Allowing undocumented workers, who make up an unknown percentage of the approximately 8 million illegal immigrants now in the United States, to work legally here would benefit all Americans, Bush argued. He said it would make the nation's borders more secure by allowing officials to focus more on the real threats to the country and would meet U.S. employers' dire need for workers willing to take the low-wage, low-skill jobs unwanted by many Americans.

It also is the right thing to do, Bush said, to pull immigrants who now live in the shadows of American society under the protection of U.S. labor laws, allow them to travel freely back and forth to their home countries, bring dependents they can support here with them and grant them the confidence to talk openly to authorities about crimes and exploitation on the job.

"One of the primary reasons America became a great power in the 20th century is because we welcomed the talent and the character and the patriotism of immigrant families," the president said. "We must make our immigration laws more rational and more humane. And I believe we can do so without jeopardizing the livelihoods of American citizens."

But even as Bush made the announcement, the tough sales job ahead for the White House was apparent as the president's plan drew heated criticism from both the right and the left.

Many conservatives balked at the idea of any reward for people who broke the law by coming to the United States.

"I'm not for allowing illegals to stay in this country," said Rep. Virgil Goode, R-Va. "I think they should have to go back to their home countries... and get in line with Jack, Suzy and John and apply for a guest worker position."

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, also charged that the Bush plan would make it harder to win the war on terrorism. "Guest worker programs and gradual amnesty provide cover for terrorists," he said.

Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., predicted Bush's "dangerous and unworkable" proposals would be rejected by Congress. "Neither Mexicans nor anyone else will go through the hassle and paperwork of seeking legal jobs as long as the border is porous and employers can ignore the laws with impunity," he said.

Bush said the program does not provide blanket amnesty — which he defined as an "automatic path to citizenship" — for foreigners who are in the United States illegally.

"America is a welcoming country, but citizenship must not be the automatic reward for violating the laws of America," he said.



J.PAT CARTER/AP Photo
Unidentified farm workers place stakes for vegetables to grow on Wednesday, near Homestead, Fla.

Conner's sentencing hearing postponed until February

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Former Gov. Paul Patton's ex-mistress had her sentencing hearing for a federal mail-fraud charge postponed until next month.

U.S. District Judge Joseph M. Hood has postponed Tina Conner's hearing, which was scheduled for Thursday, until Feb. 9. Conner pleaded guilty to the charge in early October.

Hood allowed Conner's new attorney, Patrick Nash of Lexington, more time to review the case. The judge appointed Nash to replace Conner's former attorney, Thomas E. Clay of Louisville, earlier this week.

Conner said in a motion filed Dec. 29 that Clay pressured her to accept a \$200,000 settlement offer in October from Patton in her civil lawsuit against him.

In a telephone interview Wednesday with WHAS-TV of Louisville, Conner said she told

Clay that the offer "was a slap in the face."

Conner said in the motion that Clay "refused to negotiate on my behalf to raise the offer to a legitimate figure to compensate me for my losses."

Patton's attorney, Sheryl Snyder of Louisville, said as far as he knows, Patton has not offered any settlement.

Patton could not be reached for comment Wednesday.



Patton



Conner

The attorney who was overseeing the negotiations last year, Tim McCall, decline comment.

In the criminal matter, Conner pleaded guilty as part of a deal with prosecutors, who agreed to recommend probation instead of prison time.

Conner was charged with fraud-

ulently applying to get a construction company her former husband owned certified as a female-headed "disadvantaged business enterprise." Conner had claimed Patton got her the certification in 2000 as a favor.

Patton was not charged with criminal wrongdoing.

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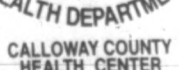
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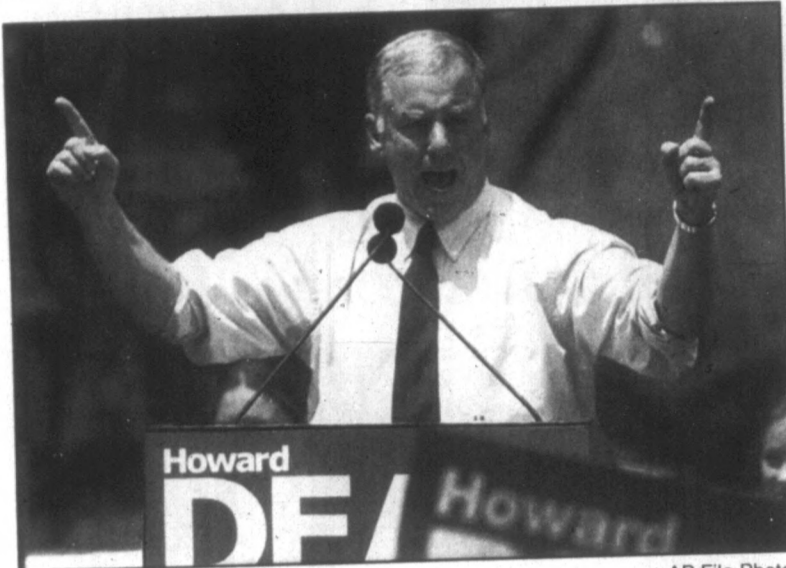
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Dr. Dean's Advance: Unstoppable ...

If Howard Dean wraps up victories in the early primaries, as now seems quite likely, he may find that he has won them too well, so that his victories contain the seeds of his own destruction. But he'll likely survive - thanks, ironically, to the work of the party establishment.

Any candidate who wins Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina acquires a political momentum that's hard to stop. But in Dean's case, such early victories will do more than just accelerate his campaign, attracting media attention, money, supporters and votes - in each of these three primaries or caucuses, he stands likely to knock an opponent out of the race.

Dick Gephardt can't survive losing to Dean in Iowa. He might feebly attempt a comeback down the road, but he has waged a very weak campaign in the other states and has bet all his marbles on Iowa.

John Kerry's misguided campaign will probably come to an end in New Hampshire. With former Gen. Wesley Clark gaining on him, he might even suffer the indignity of coming in third in his next-door state.

Kerry's problem, indeed, his epitaph, is that he tried to move to the center before he secured the left. He looked at the field and saw Joe Lieberman, Gephardt and John Edwards as his adversaries. He correctly reasoned that all three men were to his right and then leapt to the fallacious conclusion that he had the left all to himself. But he didn't reckon with Dean outflanking him on the left. So when Kerry voted for

the Iraq War, he thought he was moving to the mainstream for the general election when he was really cutting his throat in the primaries.

Edwards' campaign never really got going. He can't survive a loss in South Carolina, the state next door (and the place of his birth). Dean is doing well in South Carolina and Al Sharpton is a threat there as well.

Little noticed is the Washington, D.C., primary, which comes one week before Iowa's caucuses. As the real first-in-the-nation primary, the D.C. voting will serve to anoint either the Rev or former Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun as the black candidate. Sharpton will probably win and the resulting concentration of minority voters may lift him to a win in South Carolina. But whether Dean or Sharpton wins there, Edwards will be out.

Then Dean will suddenly face a three-way race for the nomination.

The underbrush will have been cleared away and he will face Sen. Lieberman and Clark in the finals.

The question for Dean is whether his leftist base can stake him to enough votes to prevail in a three-way field. Against the current crop of nine candidates, he can win by garnering a quarter of the votes in most states. But when the race narrows, he'll need to get 40 percent of more to win in each of the large key states.

A fringe candidate can usually get one voter in four. But can he get enough to win once the bar is raised? My bet is that he can - because of the very rules that the Democratic Party leaders put in place to stop somebody like him from winning.

Chastened by the almost-victories of Bill Bradley and John McCain in their respective primaries in 2000, the party bosses decided not to risk having their favorite sons overturned by some flaky result in Iowa or New Hampshire.

Knowing that a candidate (like Dean) could come out of nowhere and win these two notoriously unpredictable states, the party leaders deliberately front-loaded the nominating process so that the victor of Iowa and New Hampshire would have a hard time garnering the money in time to compete six weeks later in the simultaneous primaries in New York, California, Texas and Ohio.

If some out-of-the-mainstream candidate upended their favored campaigns in New Hampshire or Iowa, he would never be able, they felt, to translate his new momentum into dollars in time to buy enough media to influence enough voters to win four big states. By the time he had solicited funds, opened the mail, deposited the checks and bought the media time, the primaries would be almost upon him.

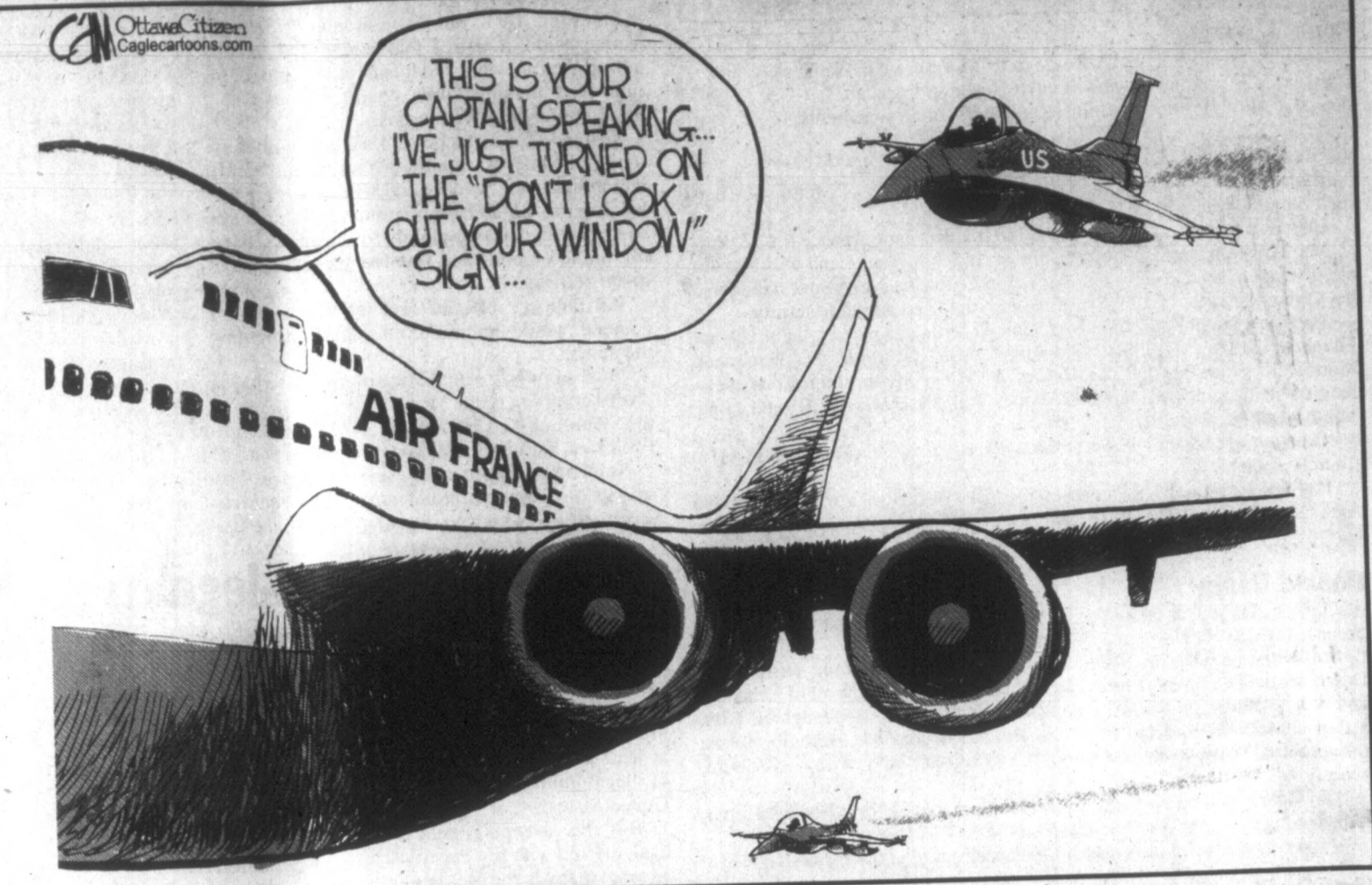
Oops. Dean outwitted the leaders. By raising his money early in the process through the Internet and eschewing the limits on his campaign spending that federal matching funds would bring, he already has enough money to compete in the big four states.

It is Dean's opponents, struggling for traction after losing Iowa and New Hampshire, who will trouble revving up for the big primaries in early March.

While they are still scrounging for funds to get off the ground, convincing donors that they can win, Dean will have pulverized the airwaves - and the Internet - with his message. His momentum will leave them choking in his dust.

So the very system rigged by the bosses to prevent the Democratic Party from being captured by the extreme left will operate to assure that nobody can stop them.

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The Choice: Accommodate or Defeat Evil

It seemed like a good idea at the time. The Bush administration would use the earthquake tragedy in Iran that killed at least 30,000 people not only as an opportunity to show the United States was eager to alleviate international tragedy but also as a diplomatic wedge.



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist

Some officials believed that, as humanitarian aid was provided, discussions might open that could lead to a new relationship between the two countries. President Bush stated the potential political benefits of the aid when he said, "What we're doing in Iran is we're showing the Iranian people that American people care, that we've got great compassion for human suffering."

The United States would follow up its international version of compassionate conservatism with a high-level diplomatic team, headed by Sen. (and former Red Cross President) Elizabeth Dole (R-N.C.). There was talk of sending a member of the Bush family along in case further evidence was needed to persuade the Iranian dictatorship of our sincerity.

It would have been the first public U.S. diplomatic effort in Iran since the 444-day hostage ordeal when Iranian "students" held 52 Americans, releasing them the day Ronald Reagan was inaugurated because they rightly concluded that if they didn't, Tehran might be turned into a parking lot. The one "diplomatic" effort since then involved trading "arms for hostages" in the mid-'80s.

Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed

optimism about the latest diplomatic overture to Iran even before the Iranian government responded. He cited "encouraging" moves by the Islamic republic in recent months, which have included an agreement by Iranian leaders to allow "surprise" inspections of the country's nuclear energy program and diplomatic overtures to moderate Arab governments.

Iran's President, Mohammad Khatami, threw cold water on the U.S. wishful thinking when he said that while American aid to earthquake victims was welcome, it would not alter relations between his country and the United States. Iran understands the impossibility of making bargains with "the Great Satan." The U.S. government should take a similar view. Evil cannot be accommodated. It must be defeated.

In the 1980s, there were pleadings by the American left to decrease tensions with the Soviet Union. The proposal was for the Reagan administration to cease deploying missiles in Europe to counter a Soviet buildup and, instead, to unilaterally disarm in order to show Moscow we meant Russia no harm. At the time I said the strategy appeared to have been designed to make the Soviet army laugh themselves to death, but there would be enough of them left over to invade and subdue us.

Reagan understood that the "evil empire" of the 20th century could not be accommodated but had to be defeated. He was right, and his detractors were famously wrong.

While the Bush administration's provision of humanitarian aid to Iran is the right and moral thing to do - and might, in fact, further encourage young reformers in the country - the old and hard-line religious leadership still dominates. Iranian radio, controlled by the mullahs, continues to spew anti-American venom.

What might hasten "regime change" in Iran

and elsewhere in the region is a proposal contained in a "manual for victory" written by Richard Perle, a Defense Department strategist and an architect in the war on terrorism, and David Frum, a former Bush speechwriter. Part of a new book, "An End to Evil: Strategies for Victory in the War on Terror," the document calls for regime change in Syria and Iran and a Cuba-style blockade of North Korea backed by planning for a preemptive strike on its nuclear sites. The manifesto also calls for Saudi Arabia and France to be treated not as allies but as rivals and possibly enemies.

The United States has two options. It can fail to follow through on its initial blow in Iraq, thus empowering and encouraging America's enemies everywhere, or it can deal a knockout blow to terrorism by finishing the job.

As we saw with the Soviet Union, resolve is often enough to achieve American objectives. As long as American diplomats think humanitarian aid and political niceties by people dressed in Western business clothes will lessen the threat against us, we will continue to be threatened.

It is to be hoped the administration knows these things. "Peace Through Strength" worked as more than a slogan against the Soviet Union. It will work again with members of the "axis of evil."

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Bush ready to tackle immigration

Washington Today

by George Gedda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illegal immigrants can't participate in U.S. elections, but enough voters care about the broad issue of immigrant labor to demand the White House's attention as this year's balloting approaches.

President Bush was an early enthusiast of change in immigration law, which delighted Mexican President Vicente Fox, whose country produced perhaps half the 8 million to 10 million illegal aliens living in the United States.

Then the 9-11 attacks intervened, and all thought of a new deal for current and future Mexican immigrants disappeared to be replaced by U.S. insistence on making the 2,000-mile border more secure. Officials say Mexico has been cooperative.

Now Bush is ready to talk about overhauling the immigration system as it affects Mexican workers and those from other countries. In a speech Wednesday afternoon, Bush was expected to propose allowing some undocumented migrants to gain legal status under certain circumstances and to match some would-be foreign immigrants with

prearranged jobs in the United States.

Several senators and House members also are showing interest in the idea.

Steve Camarota, of the Center for Immigration Studies, says Hispanic voters essentially are divided equally between Republicans and Democrats.

He says Bush's willingness to propose the first serious revision of immigration law since 1986 shows the president is not about to cede the issue to the Democrats.

At the same time, Bush knows his conservative base will oppose strongly any proposals that would allow large numbers of illegal immigrants to achieve legal status.

Among Democratic presidential candidates, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri supports legal status for undocumented immigrants with five years' U.S. residency.

Bush annoyed Fox, the Mexican president, by putting immigration change aside after the Twin Towers and Pentagon attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The cross-border chill seemed to ease after Bush and Fox had a

friendly meeting last October during an international conference in Bangkok.

By showing interest in immigration, Bush could ensure an amiable welcome from Fox next week when the two meet at a hemispheric summit in Monterrey in northern Mexico.

U.S. officials are advising their Mexican counterparts not to complain if Bush's proposals fail to meet all Fox's aspirations. Over the long run, Fox envisions a European Union-style system for North America, with workers from all three continental countries free to compete for job openings wherever they may be.

There is no disagreement about the economic contribution of people living in the United States without proper papers.

It is considerable, notwithstanding their popular image of bottom-of-the-heap workers who toil in restaurant kitchens or as stoop laborers, taking jobs that Americans reject.

Fox said last September that money sent home by Mexican workers "are our biggest source of foreign income, bigger than oil, tourism or foreign investment."

He put the figure at \$12 billion, but an October study estimated the total at \$14.5 billion.

Roberto Suro, an expert at the Pew Hispanic Center, which co-sponsored the study, said remittances affect all of Mexican society, "every level economically, every level of education and in every region."

Last month, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge gave the initial signal of administration interest in revising immigration law, telling a conference that legalization of some undocumented aliens was necessary.

This touched a raw nerve among some.

Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., said he was left incredulous that Ridge would offer "such a radical policy reversal that is guaranteed to encounter strong opposition in Congress."

But fellow Arizona Republican Rep. Jeff Flake disagreed. "Those who are working here illegally need to be here under a legal framework," Flake said.

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Community

Thursday, January 8, 2004

Make a Difference Day to be at stadium Saturday



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

The 44th Make A Difference Day will be Saturday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Murray State University Stewart Stadium.

Collected will be all different types of paper boxed, bundled or bagged separately; eyeglasses by Murray Lions Club; cell phones and tickets for playhouse by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate); motor oil for Taylor Bus; old clothes for J.U. Kevil; ink jet cartridges for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; aluminum cans for WATCH.

Sponsors of the event are the resource centers of Murray and Calloway County. For information call 759-9592 or 762-7333.

Nursing group plans promotion

Murray State University Alumni Nursing Scholarship will have a rebate day at Captain D's on Friday, Jan. 9. Persons are asked to place their receipts in the box on the counter for the group to receive the rebate.

Financial aid workshop is tonight

A financial aid workshop will be tonight, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Calloway County High School Media Center. Important information will be available about filing the government FAFSA form and about all types of financial aid for college. All seniors and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

MHS Backboard Club will meet

Murray High School Backboard Club will meet Sunday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Scott and Rutledge will be honored

The Murray Fire Department will honor Fire Chief Pat Scott and Assistant Chief Dwight Rutledge on Friday, Jan. 9. The reception will be from noon to 2 p.m. in the City Council chambers of the Murray City Hall; and the dinner will be Friday at 7 p.m. at The Big Apple Cafe. All friends and families are invited.

ACCESS Christian Singles will meet

ACCESS Christian Singles will have their monthly "Second Saturday" fellowship activity on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. at Riverport Lanes on Paducah's Southside for pizza and bowling. Children are welcome. About 6 p.m. the group will order pizza delivered. Each one is asked to bring about \$3 each to contribute for pizza. This is an independent inter-denominational group for singles in Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois. For information call 1-27-559-4788.

Parent Power schedules course

"P.S. I Love You," a six weeks course for improving parenting will be held in the Mississippi room of Murray State University Curris Center, starting tonight, Jan. 8, and ending Thursday, Feb. 12 with sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Basic information on parenting not concentrating on any particular age group will be given. The class is limited to 20 persons. Registration will be at 6:15 p.m. prior to the first session on Jan. 8. This course is under the umbrella of Parent Power. For more information call Dolores Wells at 753-2155.

VFW meeting canceled

Post 6291 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Murray, scheduled for tonight, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall has been canceled, according to Daythel Turley, commander.

CCHS Committee will meet

Assessment Committee of Calloway County High School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today, Jan. 8, at 3:15 p.m. in room 708. The public is invited.

Youth group plans event

The youth of First Christian Church are going to Kentucky Oaks Mall, Paducah, for shopping and a movie on Saturday, Jan. 10. The group will leave the church parking lot at noon and return by 6 p.m. All members and invited friends are encouraged to attend. Youth are asked to call the church office, 753-3824, to put your names on the list.

Girl Scout Cookie Kickoff tonight

Girl Scout Cookie Kickoff will be tonight, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Murray Elementary School. Leaders need to attend. Girls and parents will learn all of the safety rules and regulations of selling cookies. Parents are needed to sign permission forms so the girls can start selling on Friday. For information call Darlene Brumley at 767-0590.

Glory Bound Entertainment tonight

Glory Bound Entertainment will meet tonight, Jan. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Weaks Community Center, Murray. Featured will be the group, Hallelujah Singers. 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 Goshen United Methodist Church and the public is invited.

Compassionate Friends plan meetings

Compassionate Friends will have two meetings this month. The first will be tonight, Jan. 8, and the second will be Thursday, Jan. 29, both at 7:30 p.m. in the private dining room #1 of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Members are asked to note the change in dates for this month. This is a group for any person who has lost a child or young adult through death. For information call Chaplain Kerry Lambert at 762-1274 or Hilda Bennett at 498-8324.

MHS Football Banquet planned

Tickets are now on sale for the 2003 Murray High School Football Banquet to be Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Murray State University Curris Center. Tickets at \$15 each are available through Jan. 13. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information call Regina Hudspeth at 759-4499.



Photo provided
Margery Shown, left, vocalist, and Oneida White, pianist, presented a program at the meeting of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Zeta Department hears music program

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" was the theme of the program presented by Margery Shown, soloist, and Oneida White, pianist, at the December meeting of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

The two musicians' program included several Christmas songs.

Dot McNabb gave the thought for the day.

Hostesses were Helen Foley, Barbara Erwin, Norma Frank, Charlotte Barker and Neva Grey Allbritten.

The department will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. at the club house.

Cindy Ragsdale, Licensed Social Worker at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, will present a program on "Living Wills."

The thought for the day will be given by Teckla Farrell.

Mildred Newton, Edwina Garrison, Rebecca West and Jo Elkins will be January hostesses.

Members are reminded to bring two items for Need Line.

Feagin wins pageant honors

Brooklyn Nichole Feagin, 18 months, daughter of Chad and Janeen Feagin of Almo, was recently crowned "Supreme Queen" in the 0 to 4 age group at the annual pageant of US Beauties held at Calvert City.

In addition she also was honored with side awards of "Most Photogenic" and "Most Beautiful."

She is the granddaughter of Danielle and Kathy Feagin of Mayfield, Rodger and Suzanne Gibson of Dexter, and Kenneth Outland of Murray.



Brooklyn Feagin

Birth Announcements

Sydney Lee Armstrong

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Armstrong of 1417 Kelso Rd., Murray, are the parents of a son, Sydney Lee Armstrong, born on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.

The baby weighed five pounds and measured 18 inches. The mother is the former Sandi Collins.

Grandparents are Jerry and Donna Collins, Sedalia, David and Brenda Barrow, Murray, Henry Armstrong and special friend, Lila McCuiston, Lynn Grove, and Paul and Geida Boisture, Paducah.

Great-grandparents are Thomas L. and Dortha Armstrong, Lynn Grove, Mary Lou Paschall, Paducah, Edward and Voaz Collins, Kirksey, and Verlene Wyatt and the late Freeman Wyatt, Benton.



Sydney Lee Armstrong

A great-great-grandmother is Merl Baker of Wingo.

DLG accepts applications

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting applications for grants from the Kentucky Cemetery Preservation Fund.

The new Kentucky Cemetery Preservation Fund program has approximately \$423,000 in this second funding cycle for maintenance, preservation and restoration activities.

Examples of maintenance activities include initial cleanup and landscaping, purchasing equipment, fencing, signage and improving interior roads. Preservation and restoration activities include acquiring conservation easements, surveying boundaries and repairing and cleaning tombstones.

Other activities that are eligible for funding are historic research, archiving, training to support cemetery preservation and improving access roads.

Counties may establish five-member county cemetery boards to apply for grants. State agencies, local governments, and certain nonprofit organizations - cemeteries, historical and genealogical groups, and local civic groups - also may apply. However, applications from county boards will receive funding priority.

The maximum grant that a group can receive is \$25,000 and the minimum grant is \$1,000, and a one-to-one local match is required.

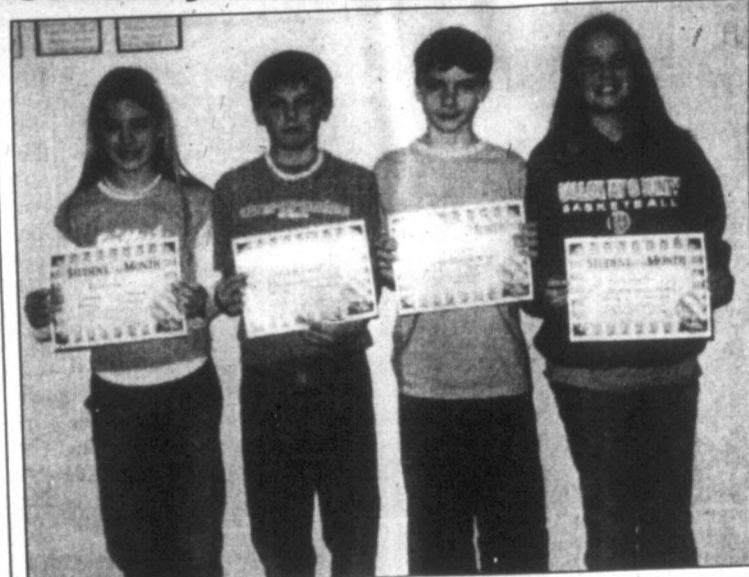
A five-member state board will oversee the program and make funding decisions. The state board is chaired by the Commissioner of DLG and also represents the

Kentucky Heritage Council, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission.

Applications and instructions are available on the DLG web site at www.dlg.ky.gov. Click on "Downloads" for the grant application, checklist, and other information.

For additional information on establishing county cemetery boards, phone Lee Creech at (502) 573-2382. Applications will be due at DLG with a postmark of no later than March 31, 2004. Successful applicants will be notified on or about May 14, 2004.

Calloway County Middle School



Photos provided

Calloway County Middle School Sixth Grade has named Students of the Month for November and December. Named for November were, top photo, from left, Allison Jones, Reid McDaniel, Nathaniel Beam and Brittany Fox; and for December, bottom photo, from left, Austin Miles, Heather McGinnis, Janie Stenberg and Keaton Duncan. These students were chosen because of outstanding character, work habits, behavior and cooperation with their peers and teachers.

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MSU Athletics

Racers begin OVC schedule in 'Valley'

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

After a successful pre-conference run and a 10-2 record, the Murray State Racers and first-year head coach Mick Cronin will open their Ohio Valley Conference slate tonight at 6:30 (CST) at Morehead State.

The Racers, who enter OVC play as the league's highest ranked squad in the Sagarin Ratings (33rd) and the RPI (47th according to CBS Sportsline.com) through Monday's action, will open the conference schedule against the defending regular-season co-champion Eagles (5-6) on at Ellis T. Johnson Arena.

MSU will close out the road swing, which has been referred to as "Death Valley" by many around the OVC for several years, on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. (CST) at McBrayer Arena in Richmond.

The Racers enter league play with the OVC's most impressive non-conference resume, sporting the league's Top-3 non-conference wins in terms of RPI after knocking off Southern Illinois (No. 51), Southern Miss (No. 87) and Delaware State (No. 110). MSU's only losses are at nationally-ranked Louisville and undefeated and highly-ranked Pittsburgh.

"I think 10-2 is the best record this team could possibly have right now," Cronin said. "We have a bunch of seniors on this team, and their goals are to win

Racers at Morehead St.

When: today, 6:30 p.m. (CST)
Where: Johnson Arena, Morehead, Ky.
Records: MSU (10-2), Mor. (5-6)
All-Time Series: MSU leads 91-51
Radio: Racer Network (1130 AM)



the OVC regular-season and tournament championships.

"To do that, it's important that we start off on the right foot and find a way to win on the road. We'll find out where we stand in this weekend," he added.

The opener at Morehead will be a tough test for the Racers as they open conference play. The Eagles feature the OVC's top two scorers in Chez Marks and reigning OVC Player of the Year Ricky Minard.

Marks leads the league at 21.3 points per game, followed by Minard at 20.5 points per game. Slowing down the tandem will be a key for the Racers.

"We will need a strong defensive effort to find a way to shut those two players down," noted Cronin. "To win on the road, you've got to play strong defense. That has to be our mentality this weekend. It'll be a tough test for us."

The Racers have faced a number of different tests through the first 12 games, and they've

learned to win against a number of different styles of play against several tough teams.

"We've got an RPI in the 40s right now, and we've learned how to work and how to play in order to win with our style of play," Cronin said. "We've faced some teams that wanted to push the tempo with us and try to run, and we've seen some teams that wanted to slow it down and play a half-court game."

"So far, we've been able to settle into our style of play against most of our competition. I think it's prepared us for what we'll see in the OVC."

The MSU Sports Network's live broadcast of the games at Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky can be heard at GoRacers.com.

Nationally: Through Monday's action, MSU ranks in the Top-30 nationally in three categories. The Racers are 23rd in assists at 18.1 per game, 24th in field goal percentage (48.7) and 30th in scoring offense at 80.3 points per game.

Victor Note: Senior forward Cuthbert Victor continues to make a name for himself around the nation. The 6-5 native of St. Croix, Virgin Islands is fifth in the nation in rebounding entering Tuesday's play, pulling down 11.1 crams per contest and sits sixth in the nation in field-goal percentage at 66.9 percent on 81-of-121 shooting.

MSU Hall to add five

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray State Athletic Hall of Fame will expand next month as five members are inducted during a banquet and ceremony prior to the Racers' and Lady Racers' game against Eastern Illinois on Saturday, Feb. 28.

MSU will induct two former head coaches, Frank Beamer (football) and Elvis Green (rifle), as well as former athletes April Horning (women's tennis), Jeff Martin (men's basketball) and Heather Samuel (women's track) into the 101-member Hall

of Fame.

The banquet and ceremony will be held in the Murray Room of the Regional Special Events Center. Events begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by the induction ceremony. Later that night, MSU takes on Eastern Illinois in an Ohio Valley Conference basketball doubleheader beginning at 5:15 p.m.

To make reservations to attend the 2004 Hall of Fame Banquet, contact Crystal Morrow in the MSU athletic office at (270) 762-3746. Reservations must be made by Feb. 13.

Gibbs to rejoin Redskins

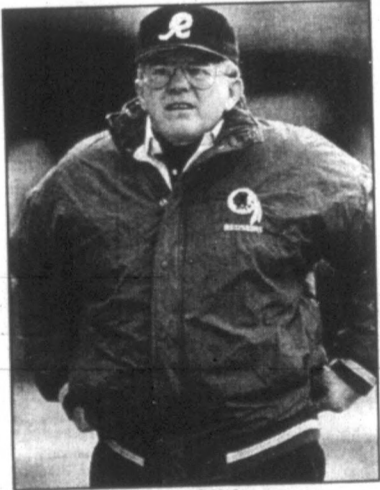
ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — After a decade of high-profile Washington Redskins failures, only one name could restore credibility in an instant: Joe Gibbs.

And they got him. The Hall of Fame coach is coming back after an 11-year absence, a stunning development and a much-needed lift for a franchise that has been to the playoffs only once since he left after the 1992 season.

"Who better to set our strategy and lead the Redskins back to championship glory?" said owner Dan Snyder, who again proved he's the master of the big splash offseason move.

Gibbs agreed to a five-year deal worth approximately \$25 million, said a source within the NFL, speaking on condition of anonymity. That would make Gibbs' contract comparable to the NFL-record deal given to his predecessor, Steve Spurrier.

"The desire to coach has always



Joe Gibbs

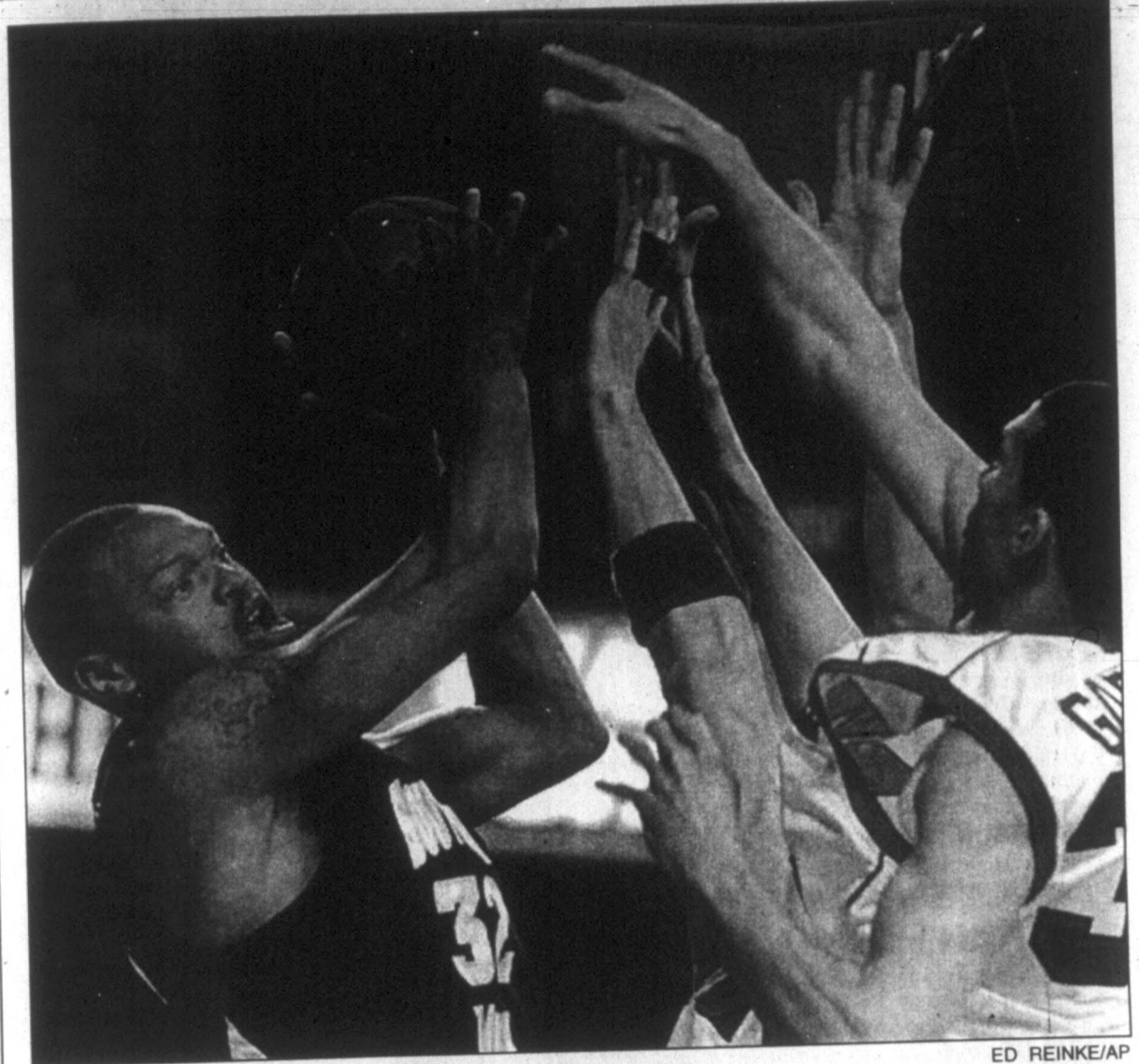
been with me, even after being away from the game for 11 years," said Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls in 12 seasons with the Redskins. Gibbs also was given the title of Redskins team president, but the protocol for roster decisions will essentially remain the same. Vinny Cerrato continues as direc-

tor of player personnel, and Snyder will have the final word to settle any disputes, according to the source. Gibbs' track record and work ethic, however, make him certain to have more influence than Spurrier had.

Gibbs was to be introduced at a news conference Thursday, but he already has at least two assistants in place, according to the source. Former Buffalo Bills coach Gregg Williams will be the team's sixth defensive coordinator in six years, a hiring first reported by SportsLine.com.

Joe Bugel returns to coach the offensive line, the same job he held when he oversaw the famed "Hogs" under Gibbs from 1981-89, the source said.

Gibbs, 63, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1996, based in part on his adamant denials of any intention to coach again. He joins the late Paul Brown as the only coaches to return after being elected to the Hall.



ED REINKE/AP

Southern Mississippi's Greg Johnson tries to get a pass around Louisville players Francisco Garcia, right, and Kendall Darte during the first half of Wednesday's game at Freedom Hall.

Smothering defense lifts No. 10 Cards past Southern Mississippi

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville's defense against Southern Mississippi was so dominant that one of the game's loudest cheers was a sarcastic roar when the visitors scored.

Jasper Johnson made two free throws to end a nearly 13-minute long scoring drought for the Bulldogs on Wednesday night and the crowd at Freedom Hall responded with the tongue-in-cheek reaction. It was that kind of night as No. 10 Louisville won 76-42 in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

The Cardinals (10-1), fifth in the nation in field-goal percentage defense, held Southern Miss (7-5) to 29 percent shooting (15-of-51) and forced 21 turnovers — 12 on steals.

"Our defense has been good from Day One," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "We were stopping penetration and we were forcing them into misses. You can't find any faults defensively."

The Cardinals' smothering defense is becoming their trademark this season.

Louisville has held all 11 opponents under 45 percent shooting

and five of the last six below 40 percent.

"I think there are some other teams that will get a dose of what we got tonight," Southern Miss coach James Green said.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 11 Cincinnati 71, Tulane 44; No. 12 North Carolina 89, Miami 64; No. 14 Florida 65, South Carolina 62; No. 17 Syracuse 65, St. John's 59; No. 19 Illinois 85, Ohio State 63; No. 20 Vanderbilt 59, Auburn 53; No. 22 Mississippi State 61, Mississippi 54; No. 23 Marquette 65, Houston 52; and Iowa 71, No. 24 Purdue 61.

Nate Daniels had 15 points for the Cardinals, who outrebounced Southern Miss 40-38, but gave up 15 offensive rebounds — one area where Pitino found fault.

"I didn't think our rebounding was good," he said. "It was an off night for some of our players."

Charles Gaines led the Eagles with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The lead changed hands seven times in the first four minutes, but Louisville took control with a swarming, halfcourt trap.

Southern Mississippi hit four of its first eight shots, then missed 16 of its final 20 before halftime. The Cardinals led 39-19 at half-

time, then started the second half with a 12-0 run.

"We can't play much better defense than we did," said Otis George, who had six points and 10 rebounds. "We were trying to stop every play they ran."

Johnson's free throws ended a 12:52 scoring drought for the Eagles. They missed 15 shots and committed 15 turnovers in the span.

"They're just better than us," Green said of the Cardinals. "I hate to say it, but it's the absolute truth."

A minute after Johnson made his free throws, he hit a 3-pointer over the baseline to snap the Eagles' 14-minute field goal drought and cut Louisville's lead to 52-24.

By then, the animated Pitino was sitting comfortably on the bench, only occasionally barking instructions.

Louisville won its 13th straight home game, but Pitino still had complaints.

"We had a couple of guys pass up some open shots and then, we don't rebound," he said. "We had a lot of positives, but there are a lot of things we have to work on."

The Cardinals shot only 37.5 percent in the second half.

Arkansas State slips by 'Toppers

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — J.J. Montgomery's clutch free throw shooting helped Arkansas State secure a 79-76 win over Western Kentucky on Wednesday.

Dewarick Spencer led Arkansas State (11-2 overall, 2-0 Sun Belt Conference) with 24 points. Spencer added nine rebounds and made 5-of-7 3-pointers. Montgomery scored 20 points and Tavoris Thompson added 16.

For Western Kentucky (6-6, 0-1), Mike Wells scored a game-

high 26 points, hitting 6-of-9 3-pointers in the conference opener.

The Hilltoppers' Nigel Dixon racked up 14 points and six rebounds in 15 minutes of work.

Dixon also was the reason the game went long, shattering the backboard after hanging on the rim after a dunk.

The game was delayed more than 20 minutes while new equipment was brought in.

Dixon ended with 20 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Antho-

ny Winchester scored 11.

Western Kentucky built an early 10-2 lead and led by one at half-time.

Neither team led by more than four points in the second half.

Montgomery attempted six free throws in the final 29 seconds, connecting on four.

Dixon hit two free throws with 9 seconds left in the game, cutting an Arkansas State lead to 77-76.

Belligerent Rose only slightly apologetic in new book

NEW YORK (AP) — Only occasionally contrite but repeatedly the defiant, belligerent sparkplug fans love, Pete Rose blames his accusers and medical conditions for the problems that got him kicked out of baseball.

Rose spills his thoughts in a colorful autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," released Thursday by Rodale Inc. Rose, still banned 14 1/2 years later, also concedes for the first time that he bet on Cincinnati Reds games while he was manager.

The highly touted 322-page book, in which Rose admits he gambled, on the Reds while managing the team in the late

1980s, contains no bombshells. It alternates between apologies for his wrongs and the aggressiveness Rose showed during a 24-season major league career.

Rose writes he has had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Oppositional Defiant Behavior, which he says he got from his mother, and the book contains several quotes from a doctor about the effects. He repeats that he still loves to gamble legally at racetracks, and describes himself as "grumpy, short-tempered and cold-hearted."

He also talks about the emotional moment when he faced his family before going to prison and "humiliating body

searches" in prison. He recounts anecdotes of his career such as taking an umpire to dinner after he was ejected from a game and makes a few puerile jokes.

He also compares his compulsive gambling to the behavior of former President Clinton, actors Robert Downey Jr. and Winona Ryder, and blames former Reds manager Jack McKeon and general manager Jim Bowden for not giving Pete Rose Jr. enough of a chance when he played for Cincinnati in 1997.

On Wednesday, Rose insisted he didn't plan to draw attention away from the elections of Dennis Eckersley and Paul

Molitor to baseball's Hall of Fame this week.

"I never intended to diminish the exciting news for these deserving players," Rose said in a statement.

What Rose intended for his public confession has gone terribly awry, former teammate Mike Schmidt said.

"It doesn't look good, it's taken a turn for the worse," Schmidt told the AP. "It is a sad thing. ... I haven't heard anything good, but I hope the commissioner is reserving judgment. I've heard some of the worst references about Pete."

Rose repeatedly challenges the report on his gambling by John Dowd and the

accusations made by his former associates before he accepted a lifetime ban in August 1989.

Rose said at the time of the investigation, he couldn't believe the way baseball treated him, calling baseball's evidence "flimsy."

"I spent 24 years building a baseball career that other players could only dream of," he wrote. "And I put it all at risk over the thrill of 'risk' itself. I spent thousands of hours in the batting cage. I took hundreds of grounders and fly balls each day in an effort to master my craft. I was known for a diligent work ethic that was unequalled among my peers."

Colts hope cold weather doesn't alter road success

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts expect cold and noise for their next game at Kansas City. They're confident they'll overcome both — as well as the Chiefs.

"Hopefully once we get in the stadium, we'll warm up and be fine," linebacker Marcus Washington said Wednesday. "We've been great on the road all year, so I think we'll be OK."

Kansas City (13-3) has won 13 straight at Arrowhead Stadium, and teams that play home games in domes are just 11-32 when they venture into the frigid outdoors come playoff time.

Nevertheless, the Colts (13-4) have beaten the Chiefs in six straight games, four of those in Kansas City, and lead their overall series 8-6.

Only one team with a dome, St. Louis in 1999, has won a Super Bowl. And the Colts' most recent playoff trip to a cold-weather site was their 41-0 blowout loss to the New York Jets last year.

The Colts believe they'll beat the odds in the divisional round Sunday, just as they have all season. They're the AFC's best road team at 7-1.

"We've had that all year, playing in a hostile environment, and we seem to find ways to win," wide receiver Reggie Wayne said.

Divisional Playoffs	
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Carolina at St. Louis, 3:30 p.m.	
Tennessee at New England, 7:15 p.m.	
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Indianapolis at Kansas City, noon	
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 3:45 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 18	
AFC Championship Game, 2 p.m.	
NFC Championship Game, 5:45 p.m.	
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"It's just something you've got to prepare for."

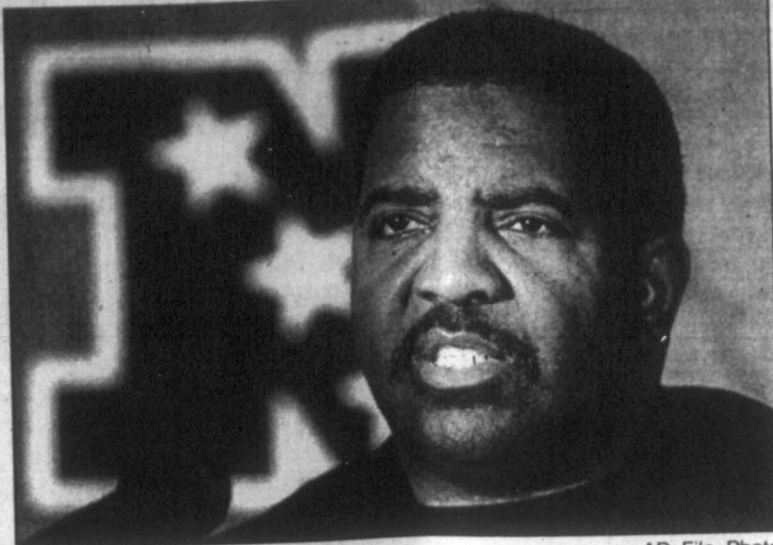
It would appear Indianapolis' offense would be more susceptible to loud venues than other teams because Peyton Manning frequently changes play calls at the line of scrimmage.

Instead, the Colts have thrived. This year they won at Buffalo, Tennessee and Cleveland in stadiums where loud fans are the norm.

In October, they rallied from a 21-point deficit in the final four minutes of regulation and won in overtime on a Monday night at Tampa Bay when the defending Super Bowl champs were trying to re-establish themselves as a contender.

But the crowd at Kansas City is different.

"When you're playing in the game, it's ridiculous," Chiefs defensive tackle Ryan Sims said.



Former Minnesota Vikings head coach Dennis Green has agreed to become the new coach of the Arizona Cardinals.

Green inks deal to become Cards coach

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Dennis Green is hoping his no-nonsense approach to coaching turns around the Arizona Cardinals' history of almost no success.

The former Minnesota Vikings coach agreed to a four-year contract Wednesday night after an extended bargaining session via faxes and telephone calls between San Diego and team headquarters in Tempe.

The club scheduled a news conference for Friday to introduce him.

The Cardinals interviewed four candidates to replace fired coach Dave McGinnis. Green, 54, was

the only one interviewed twice, and football operations vice president Rod Graves said he stood out.

"In terms of a specific plan for the development and success of our team, he certainly laid out a detailed plan for us," Graves said. "He also did a great job of analyzing our personnel and so forth, and I think more than anything he was prepared."

The agreement created an odd marriage — one of the winningest NFL coaches in the 1990s paired with a franchise that has had only one winning season since arriving in Arizona in 1988.

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CCMS squads claim DH over Christian Fellowship

Staff Report
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The seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams from Calloway County Middle School each earned wins during Monday's play against visiting Christian Fellowship.

The seventh grade Lakers blasted CFS 35-14 behind Jamey Gream's 13 points. Dereck Solomon followed with six points. CCMS led 18-3 at halftime and 29-3 entering the fourth quarter before closing out the win.

In the eighth grade contest, the Lakers easily defeated the

Eagles by a 49-13 count.

CCMS led 18-2 after one quarter before posting 29-3 advantage at the intermission. Calloway was up 37-11, entering the final period, and then capped the victory with a 12-2 scoring edge in the fourth stanza.

Tyrell Willis paced the Laker attack with 13 points. Blake Lencki followed with 12.

The Calloway eighth graders were scheduled to face Fulton County tonight. The seventh grade squad returns to action on Jan. 12 against South Marshall.

Kramer not dismayed by two national champions

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The former Southeastern Conference president who was the architect of the Bowl Championship Series said having two national champions this year is good for the sport.

"You had 200 players get national championship rings instead of 100, and we knew from day one that was a possibility," said Roy Kramer, who retired from the SEC in 2002 and now lives in Tennessee.

LSU won the BCS national title Sunday by defeating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, while USC was

named the national champion by The Associated Press poll of sports writers' on Monday after beating Michigan last week in the Rose Bowl.

"Everybody says it's horrible that USC, the No. 1 team in the polls going into the bowls, didn't play for the BCS championship," Kramer told The Knoxville News Sentinel for Wednesday's edition.

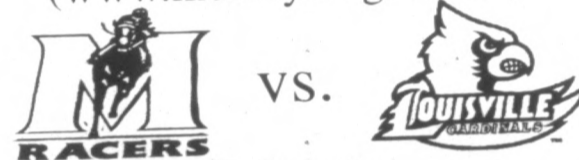
"I've looked at it over the years and I can tell you that the polls are highly influenced when you lose a game."

SportsBriefs

The Murray High School Backboard Club will hold a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

The Murray Youth Swim Team will hold tryouts for its winter season on Jan. 13-14 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Center for Health and Wellness. The tryouts will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on both days. Participants should enter the facility through the back pool entrance. A parent or adult must accompany a prospective swimmer to the tryout. Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool without assistance. Insurance information, annual dues and a monthly fee will be required for registration.

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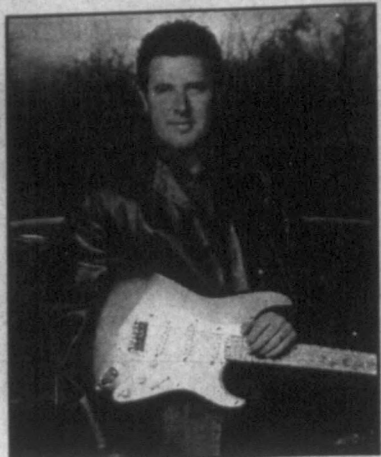
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Pat Robertson says God told him Bush will be re-elected in 'blowout'

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Pat Robertson said that God told him President Bush will be re-elected in a landslide. "I think George Bush is going to win in a walk," the religious broadcaster said on his "700 Club" program on the Virginia Beach-based Christian Broadcasting Network, which he founded.

me as I spent several days in prayer at the end of 2003." Robertson also said that this year will be one of "extraordinary prosperity" and that God will bless China in 2004 "in a way it's never known before." "God loves China and he loves the Chinese people," Robertson said. "I believe there's going to be an unbelievable spiritual revival taking place in China this year."



Vince Gill

Carson Center grand opening

PADUCAH, Ky. — Tickets to the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center Grand Opening Weekend will go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. Entertainment for the grand opening weekend will be Vince Gill on February 27 and B.B. King with Bobby "Blue" Bland on February 28.

Gill, who recently hosted the Country Music Awards show, has been a leader in the music industry for many years. He has received 15 Grammy Awards (he won the most Grammy Awards for a country artist and is in the only country artist to win an award for 10 consecutive years), 18 CMA honors (including Entertainer of the Year twice and Song of the Year four times).

Playhouse in the Park to hold auditions for 'Nunsense II'

Playhouse in the Park will be holding auditions for its first show of the 2004 season, "Nunsense II: the Second Coming," Jan. 12 and 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Playhouse. There are roles available for females, and one non-speaking role of either gender. Ages to be portrayed range from late teens to 60. Voice ranges from alto to soprano, and no prior experience is necessary. You may bring a prepared upbeat, Broadway-style song, or music will be provided, as well as parts to read from the script.



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In honor of the 300-plus firefighters and police officers that died trying to save victims in the terrorist attack on New York City's World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001, every store in the Fred's chain nationwide donated one day's profit to the fire and police departments of their respective cities. In Murray, that one-day event resulted in a total of \$457.52 to be split between the agencies; the nationwide total was more than \$150,000. Murray store manager Sam Buchanan, left, is shown presenting Maj. Ken Claud of the Murray Police Department its share of the proceeds, while assistant manager Mike Thompson, right, presents former Murray Fire Department Chief Pat Scott with that agency's share.

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FOUND: Dog, Coles Campground area. 759-4114 after 1pm
JUST give us a call, we'll be glad to help, your loved one we'll try to find.
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Call 753-1916
LOST: Female long haired gray tabby cat, lost in Gatesborough. Call 270-753-8233

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MEDICAL Office secretary. Entry level full-time. Send typed resume to P.O. Box 1040H Murray KY 42071
MRS Kims & Mrs Kim Too Daycare are now accepting applications for teachers, please come by either location to pick up an application. Murray or Hardin. 437-4989 or 767-0791
NOW Hiring for all positions, for all shifts. Experience preferred. Apply in person @ Sonic Drive-In 1210 North 12th Street, Murray, KY.

Help Wanted
OFFICE nurse for established medical practice. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1040-C Murray, KY 42071.
PERSONS needed for receptionist and clerical work. No experience necessary. Call 753-9204
PROGRAM Director. Need self starter to develop and expand youth and adults sports, day camp, after school, aquatics and fitness programs. Seeking team oriented, highly motivated individual to demonstrate strong leadership, planning, and communication skills. Responsible for supervising staff and volunteers. BS/BA in related field required. Send resume to LeeAnn Willett, Mayfield Graves Co. YM-CA, P.O. Box 402, Mayfield KY 42066
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MRS Kims & Mrs Kim Too Daycare now has openings for children 6wks-12yrs. Please come by either location. Hardin or Murray. 437-4989 or 767-0791

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DOLLAR Store: Own a Dollar Store 1-800-227-5314
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LIKE new, couch Burgundy, natural colors. 759-1628 \$225 leave message
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POSITION Wanted: Enthusiastic, customer service oriented Insurance Professional with 25+ year's office experience. Licensed in Property/Casualty/Life and Health, seeks a position with your agency in the Murray area. Will seriously consider positions in other professional settings. Send information to P.O. Box 1040G, Murray KY 42071

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EXPERIENCED: Will clean up after new construction, remodeling, before and after renters, floors, windows, etc. Valerie 436-5914
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Date: January 10th, 2004
Time: 3 p.m.
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Directions: This property is located at 732 IRVIN COBB RD., MURRAY, KY 42071, TURN LEFT (EAST ONTO SR-94 (MAIN ST.)) 1.0 MILES, KEEP STRAIGHT ONTO SR-94 5.2 MILES, THEN GO 0.7 MILE TO IRVIN COBB RD., LOOK FOR SIGNS.

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Time: 1 p.m.
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 This segment of the first image from the panoramic camera on the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows the rover's airbag trails, at top left, released Wednesday. These depressions in the soil were made when the airbags were deflated and retracted after landing. The Mars rover has developed some minor problems, scientists said Wednesday, with an antenna and the air bags that cushioned the spacecraft's landing on Saturday.

Cautious NASA delays rover's move onto rocky surface of Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA is delaying rolling its Spirit rover off the spacecraft that brought it to Mars and onto the Red Planet's rocky soil in order to give engineers more time to clear its path.
 The earliest the six-wheeled Spirit will roll onto the Maritan landscape is Wednesday, or about three days later than originally planned. Further delays of one or two days remain possible.
 That has made mission members eager to get Spirit moving even more anxious.
 "We are champing at the bit to get this puppy off the lander and get driving," said Art Thompson, a robotics engineer on the \$820 million double mission.
 Even while perched atop its lander, Spirit has begun doing science work, including snapping high-resolution pictures of its immediate surroundings.
 Initial analysis of those images by scientists suggest the landing site inside Gusev Crater is not the pristine dry lake bed scientists originally had hoped.
 That indicates the robotic explorer's hunt for geologic evidence that the planet once was a wetter place conducive to life might be more difficult than expected.
 The Mars Exploration Rover project includes a second, identical rover. That one, named Opportunity, is scheduled to arrive on Mars on Jan. 24, or three weeks after Spirit landed.
 The Spirit delay gives engineers time to further retract portions of the now-deflated air bags that cushioned the golf cart-sized rover's landing. Two pieces of the air bag partially block the ramp that mission members want the rover to follow.
 "As soon as we get that air bag out of the way, we're good to go," said Arthur Amador, mission manager for Spirit's fifth Martian day on the surface.
 Spirit, swaddled in its air bags, bounced about 25 times after hitting the surface of Mars, said Rob Manning, manager of the entry, descent and landing portion of the mission. On its first bounce, Spirit rose an estimated 26 feet.
 "It was a pretty friendly bounce," Manning said.
 Spirit came to a rest to the south of a cluster of impact craters seen in the three images its lander snapped in the seconds before landing.

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MINIVANS earn top safety ratings
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Minivans from Ford, Mercury, Nissan and Toyota all earned the government's top safety rating in the first crash tests of 2004 model year vehicles.
 The 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix had the lowest safety ratings of any of the 19 vehicles tested, earning three out of five stars on three of the tests performed by the National Highway Safety Administration.
 The Toyota Sienna, Nissan Quest, Ford Freestar and Mercury Monterey all earned the agency's highest rating on driver- and passenger-side frontal crash tests. The Sienna also earned five stars on side-impact crash tests. Side-impact results for the other three minivans were still being reviewed, NHTSA said.
 NHTSA's frontal crash test is performed at 35 mph, while the side-impact test is performed at 38.5 mph.
 The ratings are based on the risk of harm. Five stars means the chance of serious injury is 10 percent or less. Four stars means the chance of serious injury is 11 to 20 percent, while three stars means the chance of serious injury is 21 to 35 percent.
 The Jeep Liberty, Acura MDX, Mitsubishi Endeavor and Lexus RX330 sport utility vehicles all earned five stars in frontal driver-side tests as well as side-impact tests, but four stars on tests of the front passenger side.

Horoscopes by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 9, 2004:
 You have the ability to change your life by taking courses and attending seminars that help you open your mind. Let go of preconceived ideas. You will want to investigate different ways of thinking. Your work and personal interactions will gain as a result. If you are single, you could meet someone very special this year because of this attitude — someone you might not have chosen to relate to in the past. You are much more in the public eye as of October 2004. If attached, your relationship can only benefit from your transformation. Invite your partner on this path. LEO understands more than you think.
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Extremes punctuate others' thinking, especially if it involves plans. Thank each person for his or her input, but be willing to forge ahead independently. You might have to follow a business schedule first. Then you will have the energy you need. Tonight: Be as naughty and as nice as you can be.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Deal with bosses and career matters head-on. Although you have that special Bull touch that puts others at ease, you actually might be confused by what is going on. Don't hesitate to ask questions, if need be. Tonight: Happy at home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Making an idea you have a reality might take more effort than you realize. Discuss your ideas with a very practical person who might be a stick in the mud. Though you don't have to agree, you might learn something here. Tonight: Do what you do best: Flirt.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Take action if you feel you are lucky, but do it without putting yourself into major debt. Buy that lottery ticket. Make that bet, but understand the results if you lose. Return all calls and messages. Clear off your desk. You want to enter the weekend free and clear. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** If any sign can handle popularity, it is yours. Many surround you, asking for suggestions and a different point of view. Focus on work and getting the job done. You will be well rewarded if you simply follow through. Tonight: Split as fast as you can.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Your good luck carries you through the day. Someone wants a private discussion or time with you. It is your pleasure as well as his or hers. Work with one person at a time. Don't allow your office to get too crowded. Tonight: Happily be naughty.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Where your friends are could make a big difference in your choices. An amorous adventure could be stated, but the call is ultimately yours. Do you want to jeopardize what you have and value? Tonight: The party surrounds you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You might want to let others lead the way. You discover that this attitude might be the right way to go. Review what you think has worked in the past. Someone shares a hot piece of gossip. Verify it before you act on it. For many, it will be right-on. Tonight: Go to the gym first.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Hop into work ready to do more than your share. Your insight could make all the difference in preventing a mistake. Find experts if need be. Financial gain becomes a possibility if you follow this path. Others admire your endurance. Tonight: Take off and split town if possible.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Stay on top of what is going on with both a personal and a professional relationship. You gain by finding experts and distancing yourself from immediate chaos. You find a partner to be a tremendous relief. Tonight: Togetherness works. Dinner for two.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You can do nothing to change the pace, so don't try. You might find that sharing a secret with a key associate or loved one is important to your well-being. The sense of togetherness cannot be duplicated. Network away. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Know that you have much to do, and there might be no way around it. Others will chip in, especially if they realize that you have to put in overtime. Associates are particularly amiable right now. Ask for all the help you need. Tonight: Work late.
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Lipomas are harmless

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a light bulge in my groin that was diagnosed as a fatty tumor, not a hernia. It causes me no discomfort. Can I leave well enough alone or should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Lipomas (benign fatty tumors) can occur anywhere on the body and are harmless. However, they can easily be removed if they are in a location that leads to irritation, such as on belt lines or under bra straps.

If your doctor has confirmed (by examination) that your groin bulge is, in fact, a lipoma, you can leave it alone. Remember, however, that hernias are common in the groin and, if small, may masquerade as lipomas. This distinction is important because hernias should be surgically repaired. Therefore, make absolutely certain that your doctor is correct. If you're not, you should get a second opinion from a surgeon.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 16 and very embarrassed because my penis is so small. I've convinced my parents not to send me for routine exams because I don't want my doctor to know. I smoked for two years in my early teens. Could this have prevented the growth of my sex organ? If so, can anything be done now?

DEAR READER: Men's and boys' penises vary greatly in size and shape, due to genetic factors and growth patterns. I doubt that your brief experimentation with cigarettes played any role whatsoever. I strongly urge you to see your family doctor for an examination and advice. For example, if you have a deficiency of male hormone (testosterone), your penile size could reflect this. In such an instance, hormone supplements would solve your problem.

Conversely, if your penis is, in fact, normal size (which is a function of blood flow), no therapy (other than reassurance) may be required. Although you may feel embarrassed by your perceived condition, you probably won't find a solution until you ask for help. Your doctor is the logical resource. Believe me, he's probably seen and heard it all, and is the last person in the world to make a value judgment. Rather, he will become your advocate, keep your problem confidential and help you in whatever way he can.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 15-year-old diabetic on insulin. Lately, I've been extremely thirsty. Could this be caused by a kidney problem?

DEAR READER: Possibly. But your increased thirst is more likely secondary to your diabetes. When the disease is not adequately controlled (with diet and/or drugs), the level of blood sugar rises, captures water with it and spills into the urine, where it is excreted leading to dehydration and thirst.

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Husband's salon tan is sign that he's cheating

DEAR ABBY: A while back you listed clues to look for if you suspected your husband of being unfaithful. I'd like to add to that list: a bronzed body from a tanning salon.

My husband, "Jerry," and I are called the "ideal" couple. We're both physically active and in good condition. We've been married 46 years.

Jerry brings me coffee, fruit and the newspaper in bed every morning. He has also seduced, or tried to seduce, my sisters, some of my closest friends and business associates.

When I confront him, he tells me that I have a problem and that I need help - not him! I am in therapy in order to decide what to do with the rest of my life.

Please print this list again for those who might have missed it. - **SUSPICIOUS NO MORE**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: You are a strong lady. I'm sure you'll make the right decisions about your future. I'm also pleased you're getting professional support, because therapy can be helpful regardless of age.

And now, the list:

- (1) A sudden change in manner of dress and grooming.
- (2) Secretiveness.
- (3) Unexplained absences.
- (4) Unfamiliar charges on credit card or phone bills.
- (5) Hang-ups on your home phone.
- (6) More business trips than usual.
- (7) Stops confiding in you or asking your advice.
- (8) Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you.
- (9) Mutual friends start acting strangely toward you. (They either

knew about the cheating or have been told stories about what a horrible wife or girlfriend you are.)

- (10) Refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.
- (11) Carries condoms even though you are on the pill.
- (12) Deletes incoming phone numbers from caller ID.
- (13) Leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Speedstick.
- (14) Becomes accusatory, asking if you are being true to him, usually out of guilt.
- (15) Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one person at a time?"
- (16) Buys himself new underwear.
- (17) Insists that the child seat, toys, etc., are kept out of his car.
- (18) Stops wearing his wedding ring.
- (19) Supposedly works a lot of overtime, but it never shows up on the pay stub.
- (20) Suddenly wants to try new love techniques.
- (21) Has unexplained scratches or bruises on his neck or back.
- (22) Has a sudden desire to be helpful with the laundry.
- (23) Picks fights in order to stomp out of the house.
- (24) Shows a sudden interest in a different type of music.
- (25) Has a sudden preoccupation with his appearance.

Looking Back

10 years ago
Published is a picture showing renovation on the downtown location of Peoples Bank at Fifth and Main Streets, Murray. The photo was by Staff Photographer Mark Young.

Laura Libassi Miller of Murray has been elected to the board of directors of Kentucky Educational Television.

Births reported include a girl to Valerie and Ricky Winders and a boy to Terry and John Thompson, Dec. 31; a girl to Randy and Vickie Calhoun and a girl to Thomas and Christie Hobbs, Jan. 2.

20 years ago
Published is a picture of J.L. Chadwick, Archie Mayo and Jerry Hale of Murray Office of Kentucky Department of Transportation making their way around town patching a number of small potholes and breaks in the pavement. Most of the damage was a result of the snow and ice and bitter cold temperatures throughout the past couple of weeks. The photo was Staff Photographer Greg Travis.

Kathryn Kyle Glover was named as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" by the Woodmen of the World Court 728.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCuiston were married 52 years Dec. 25.

30 years ago
Hollis C. Miller, since 1968 minister of University Church of Christ, is one of six ministers from across the United States who have been invited to present papers at the annual workshop for ministers and elders of the Church of Christ at

Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, Jan. 7-9.

Dark fired tobacco sales for type 23 will open on the Murray loose leaf floors, Farris, Growers and Planters, on Jan. 10, according to Holmes Ellis, general manager of Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association.

40 years ago
Dr. A.D. Butterworth, health officer of Calloway County Health Department, announced a Food Service School for all restaurant owners and employees this week at the health center.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Henson, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nix Crawford, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crass, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Folger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardie Lassiter were married 60 years Jan. 7.

50 years ago
Murray State College Thoroughbreds won 82 to 77 over Memphis State in a basketball game at MSC Carr gymnasium. High team scorers were Howie Crittenden for Murray and Kinder for Memphis.

In high school basketball games, New Concord won over St. Mary's, Brewers over Almo and Symsonia over Kirksy. High team scorers were Billy Joe Kingins, New Concord, Kortz, St. Mary's, Treas, Brewers, Overbey, Almo, Ellington; Symsonia, and Parker, Kirksy.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. W.D. McKinney.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2004. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 8, 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:

In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.
In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1964, President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."
In 1982, AT&T settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

Ten years ago: Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of the clubbing attack that had injured her right knee. (The U.S. Figure Skating Association later stripped Harding of the title because of her involvement in the attack.)

Five years ago: By a unanimous vote, senators formally ratified the rules for President Clinton's impeachment trial.

Contract Bridge

The Trump Echo

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NORTH
♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ J 4
♣ J 7 4

WEST
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ A
♣ K Q 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♣ 2♦
4♥
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

The trump echo is a signal by which one defender tells the other that he started with three trumps. There are times when this knowledge is critical, as illustrated by today's deal.

West leads a club, which, given the bidding, East should assume is a singleton. He takes the ace and returns the deuce, his lowest club, to tell West to return the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits, diamonds.

West ruffs with the four — beginning a trump echo to indicate three trumps — and shifts to his fourth-best diamond, the five. Declarer takes East's queen with the ace and plays the king of trumps, West following with the deuce as East wins with the ace.

If there were no such animal as a trump echo, East might make the mistake of trying to cash the setting trick by playing the king of diamonds. He would have no way of knowing that West started with five diamonds and South the singleton ace. But, thanks to the trump echo, East knows his partner has another trump, so he leads another club for West to ruff, and South goes down one.

There are positive and negative inferences associated with the trump echo. In the present case, for example, East can tell from West's ruff with the four, followed by his later play of the two, that West has a third trump.

By the same token, if West had started with the doubleton 4-2, he would ruff with the deuce at trick two. When he later played the four, East would draw the negative inference that West had no more trumps, and he would try to cash the king of diamonds at trick five as his only hope of stopping the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sky hunter
 - 6 Microwaves, slangily
 - 11 Came closer
 - 13 Emissary
 - 14 Cairo loc.
 - 15 Historical period
 - 16 Tack on
 - 17 Behold!
 - 18 Become older
 - 20 Slims down
 - 22 - Angeles
 - 23 Cheryl or Alan
 - 25 Salon request
 - 26 Yearning
 - 27 Birthright
 - 29 Clumsy
 - 31 DJ's albums
 - 33 Flight board info
 - 34 Vitamin B component
 - 37 Mountain pass
 - 40 Calif.-length

- 41 Less than one
- 43 Dash
- 45 Tummy muscles
- 46 Hindu kingdom
- 48 Here, to Henri
- 49 PC capacity
- 50 Wield an axe
- 51 "Bien" opposite
- 53 New car option
- 54 Jostles
- 56 Take a deep -
- 58 Strike back
- 59 Come to terms

- DOWN**
- 1 NBA's Shaquille -
 - 2 Jamaican music
 - 3 Des Moines loc.
 - 4 Mother lode
 - 5 Brainy one, maybe
 - 6 Looks sleepy
 - 7 And, for Hans
 - 8 Sunflower st.
 - 9 Accolade
 - 10 Wade
 - 12 Podium
 - 13 Steers
 - 19 Journal VIPs
 - 21 Startled cry
 - 22 Ms. Taylor, briefly
 - 24 Tibet's - Lama
 - 26 Musty
 - 28 Merchandise
 - 30 Salt Lake City athlete
 - 32 Tendons
 - 34 Snack
 - 35 Freudian subjects
 - 36 Bite
 - 38 Yale alum
 - 39 Move out
 - 40 Craftsperson
 - 42 Entree choice
 - 44 Cranny
 - 46 Salamander
 - 47 "Tomb Raider" heroine
 - 50 Ad - committee
 - 52 Lower limb
 - 55 Univ. degree
 - 57 Ozarks st.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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BEAN OLE TOWA
IDLE OFF DRIP
SMEAR TANGS
RHESUS
KOREA IMP ASH
EYED AGA LIAR
ALP ATM CELLS
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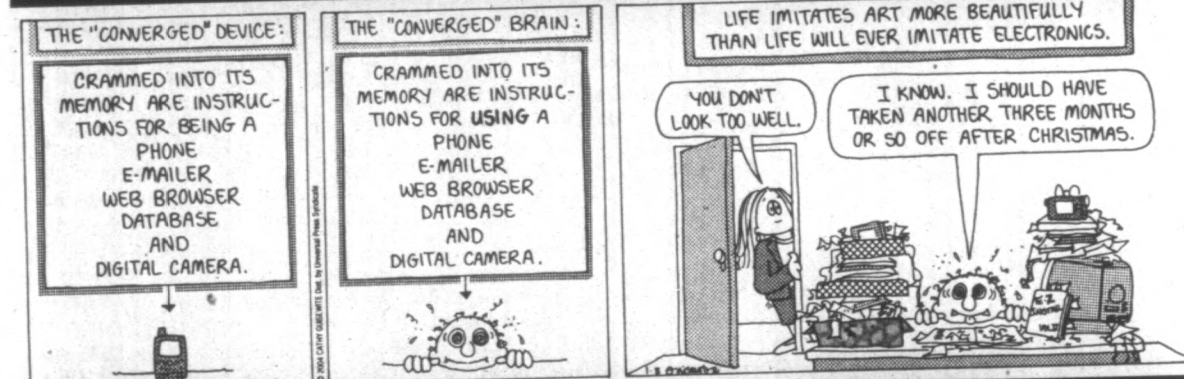
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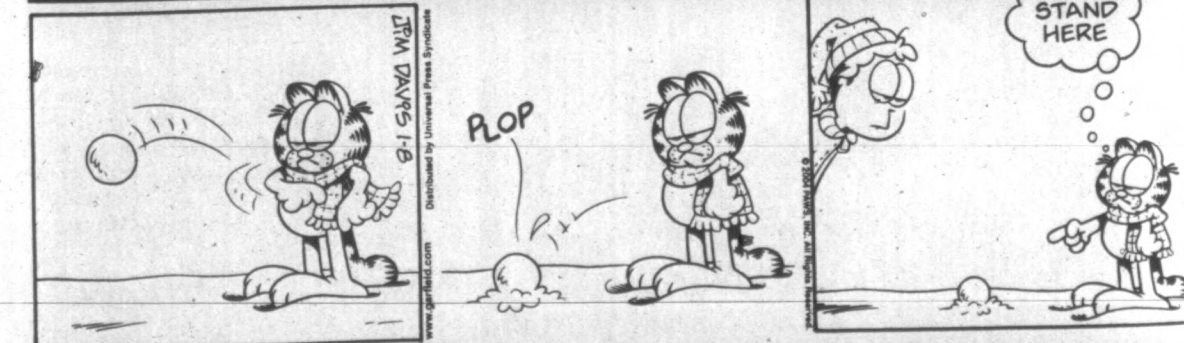
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Theresa Schroeder, Eileen Wirsig, Joyce Herndon, Shirley Simms, Mary Cates, Susan Emerson and Alesia Gail Parker, from left, of the Murray Art Guild weavers group stand by new equipment donated by Rob Sorg. The items include spinning wheels, looms and miscellaneous items. More weavers are wanted for the group. For more information, call the art guild.

Chamber opera developed from 'The Way Home'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jeremy Beck, a composer based in Louisville, and Constance Alexander, a writer from Murray, Ky., have received a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women to collaborate on the development of a chamber opera entitled, "The Way Home." The piece will dramatize the interwoven stories of two women from Kentucky — one without health insurance, both of them battling cancer.

"The Way Home" began as an award-winning civic journalism project on end-of-life issues with WKMS-FM, a National Public Radio member station. During that

project, Alexander conducted scores of interviews exploring many different aspects of death and dying. The interwoven stories of two women she encountered through that project will be the heart of the chamber opera version of "The Way Home."

The first phase of the collaborative project entails writing a libretto and composing a piano score. After that, the opera will be workshopped and revised.

A premiere of the completed piece is targeted for 2006.

Alexander is an award-winning playwright, poet, columnist and independent radio producer. Her plays have been published and per-

formed around the country, at community, university and professional theatres. She has received awards and grants from Kentucky Arts Council, Kentucky Foundation for Women, the Pew Center for Civic Journalism, the Kaiser Foundation, Newspaper Association of America and Kentucky Press Association.

Beck has an extensive catalogue of orchestral, chamber and vocal works. His opera, "The Biddle Boys and Mrs. Soffel" was named by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as one of the Top Ten Cultural Events in the city for the year 2001. Another of his operas, "The Highway," was presented by New York City Opera.

WKMS announces The Front Porch concert and silent auction Saturday

WKMS 91.3 FM announces its annual Front Porch concert will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday again featuring fine musicians of the Four Rivers Region. The concert celebrates the music and artists frequently presented on the folk and bluegrass program, "Music from the Front Porch," heard Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the regional public radio service from Murray State University.

The concert will feature thumb-picking guitarist Eddie Pennington and his son, the bluegrass/blues wonder Alonzo Pennington, the gifted young acoustic instrumentalists, Kyle Reeder and Mark Evitts, and the up and coming group, "The Ties that Bind," including Whitney Alexander, Gary Vereycken, Jack Kerr, and Kent Henry.

Eddie Pennington is nationally known as one of the greatest living thumb style guitarists. Pennington, a technically amazing, warm instrumentalist and self-effacing good humor give his performance the presence of a friendly four-piece orchestra originating from a single guitar. In 2001, Pennington received a \$10,000 National Heritage Fellowship prize, the highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Pennington and his wife Penny live in Princeton. Their grown children, Alonzo and Rosebud, often appear on stage with him. Rosebud, a vocalist evokes the sweet and plaintive side of bluegrass. Alonzo took up his father's work and burns up bluegrass and blues tunes with a passionate flair for both.

Kyle Reeder and Mark Evitts met 4 years ago in college, and they rapidly found a musical friendship that has grown into a performance practice. Reeder has performed at the Chet Atkins Appreciation Society convention in Nashville, where he played with National Fingerstyle champion, Buster B. Jones. He has also performed with local country bands as well as some Nashville based groups.

Evitts started playing classical violin at the age of 11 in his school orchestra. He studied several years under the Paducah Symphony Concertmaster, Kathy Gardner.

He went to the renowned Mark O'Connor fiddle camp for 2 years, studying different styles of fiddle with such teachers as Vassar Clements, Matt Glaser, and Darol Anger. He has played in local country groups and filled in for Mercury Records recording artist, Mark Wills.

Reeder and Evitts have finished three CDs, Home for Christmas (debut) and The Tale of the Jester (original) and they have recently completed their third album, The Gospel Collection, which includes old time hymns in a new instrumental light, as well as a couple of originals. They now regularly perform at regional bluegrass festivals and church events. They recently both played with Christian recording artist Andrew Peterson.

Members of "The Ties that Bind" bluegrass band came together from different backgrounds to perform a unique style of acoustic music. Whitney Alexander has been playing guitar since she was 11, and her vocal style and original songs give the group its signature sound. The guitar, banjo and vocal talent of Gary Vereycken flourished during his years of playing guitar with rock and roll legends Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, The Shirelles and Joey Dee and the Starlighters. Traditional fiddler Jack Kerr won the 2000 'Best Friend of Bluegrass' award for his contributions to the music in the Jackson Purchase area. Kent Henry, co-host of Music From the Front Porch on WKMS, plays mandolin, guitar, and sings.

The Front Porch Concert will start at 7 p.m. in Murray State University's Robert E. Johnson Theatre of the Doyle Fine Arts Building on campus near 15th and Olive Streets. WKMS will open the theatre at 6 p.m. for a silent auction of interesting items and gift certificates donated by regional businesses in support of the station and its bluegrass audience.

Tickets are \$7 each at the theatre the evening of the concert only.

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