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Drug court helps juveniles clean up their lives

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

The local juvenile drug court is built on tough love.

Calloway District Judge Jeanné Carroll knew of the drug problem among teen-agers as soon as she was elected in 2002, so she supported the idea of a drug court program that uses a structured atmosphere and intense counseling to help juveniles clean up their lives.

Because the increasing drug prob-

lem exceeds the available funding for the existing program, drug court officials are hoping to secure a federal grant to boost its efforts. They are applying for a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, which is the same group that has provided training to drug court team members.

Carroll said the application is due in Frankfort in mid-December then will be forwarded to the justice department. It could be a few months before local

drug court officials hear about the grant, which is for an unspecified amount of money.

Calloway County is competing against other counties in the state for a certain amount of money to be shared across the commonwealth.

The drug court pilot program was established in October 2003 and has energized the effort to address juveniles facing criminal charges. That program continues to operate solely on community donations.

"I think having the pilot program will help us," Carroll said. "We've been productive and that will show we want to be productive with their money."

The federal grant would fund a full-time coordinator, drug tests and other resources, but drug court team members would still use community donations for incentives and events for the juveniles.

Five juveniles were initially involved in the program. Four of those graduated, most nearly a year ago, and

have remained drug- and alcohol-free. Carroll has not seen those four back in court for any charges — even a traffic violation.

To qualify for drug court, juveniles must be charged with a drug-related criminal offense. That doesn't mean it has to be a possession or trafficking drug charge.

"It doesn't have to be possession of marijuana," Carroll said. "Sometimes

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Murray Main Street manager honored recently at meeting

DANVILLE, Ky. — Managers from 20 Kentucky Main Street communities were honored recently during the Kentucky Main Street Program annual meeting at Weisiger Theater, Centre College in Danville. The meeting culminated a year-long commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the program, administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council / State Historic Preservation Office and the oldest statewide Main Street program in the nation.

Managers were recognized for completing the Main Street Certification Program, an extensive training and education process designed to improve the professional skills of Main Street managers and assist their efforts in community and downtown revitalization. The graduation ceremony represented 18 months of work on their part to identify ways to enhance existing programs as well as develop and implement new strategies, in areas such as historic preservation and economic development, business recruitment and retention, streetscape cleanup and façade improvement, retail promotions, partnership opportunities, tourism and community events and board member recruitment and training.

Prior to the certification ceremony, keynote speaker Donovan Rypkema, a nationally noted economist and principal of Place Economics in Washington, DC,

discussed why preservation of a community's Main Street and central business core is essential to the economic health of the entire community.

"So is Main Street economic development?" he asked. "Let me put it this way. Anyone who doesn't understand that Main Street is economic development either doesn't understand economic development or doesn't understand Main Street. Main Street is not about making buildings cute and adding flower pots. Main Street is about jobs, investment, new and expanded businesses, increasing the tax base, making frugal but effective use of scarce public resources."

"Economic development needs to be a conscious, organized effort to improve the local economy," Rypkema added, "but to affect sustainable economic development these efforts must meet eight standards," among them achieving positive, measurable results, that public benefits are significantly greater than public costs, and that economic benefits are primarily local and broadly distributed. Such a strategy plays directly to the goals of the Kentucky Main Street Program, he said, adding, "I would argue that a policy of downtown development, combined with historic preservation, equals community development."

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A car passes under a pair of lighted arches leading into the main portion of the Christmas in the Park lights display at Murray-Calloway County Parks & Recreation's Central Park facility Saturday night. The display officially opened Sunday evening and will be available for viewing through late December. A donation of \$2 or five canned goods is suggested for visitors. At right, Matt Tolbert tries to adjust the head of a reindeer Saturday morning for part of the Lowe's portion of the Christmas in the Park light display.



Kentucky putting unclaimed property online

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Below the state Capitol Annex is a massive metal vault filled with Kentucky's long-forgotten treasures abandoned by its owners.

The jewelry, pocket watches and antique currency hail from every corner of Kentucky.

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Miller

safe-deposit boxes is scheduled to tour the state before being put up for auction Dec. 13 on eBay.

"I love the idea of it," state Treasurer Jonathan Miller said in an interview last week after a tour of the unclaimed-property vault, which he oversees. "In theory, it achieves so many objectives in terms of getting the word out and in terms of getting more money into the hoppers."

The proceeds will help support the state's prepaid tuition program, which allows families to avoid more expensive college costs in the future by locking in current tuition rates and paying them in advance.

The tour began today in Lexington and Tuesday in Louisville, and will crisscross the state Wednesday through

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Bunning reflects on re-election campaign

By NANCY ZUCKERBROD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jim Bunning returned to



Bunning

work this month glad to be done with a campaign that nearly cost him his job, but he says putting the election behind him won't be easy.

The Kentucky Republican said in an interview with The Associated Press that he is still upset about how the campaign played out, especially about rumors that he is in failing physical and mental health and mis-

treates his wife. He said it got to the point where his wife was questioned about it while shopping.

"The closeness of the race was dictated by the total and complete lying that was done," Bunning said.

He says he only talked with his Democratic challenger Daniel Mongiardo briefly on election night and doesn't want to talk to Sen. John Corzine, D-N.J., who led his party's efforts to defeat Republicans and who helped Mongiardo.

"I'm going to be here for six more years, and as a Christian I forgive, but I'm going to have a heck of a time forgetting," Bunning said. "I don't know if it would do me any good in my state right now to talk to people. I have to kind of get over this."

Corzine declined through a spokesman to comment, but Mongiardo, who captured 49 percent of the vote to Bunning's 51 percent, said his campaign didn't spread rumors about Bunning.

Mongiardo also said Bunning shouldn't be so incredulous.

"I think that Sen. Bunning needs to look in the mirror to see why all these rumors started," Mongiardo said. "I think his conduct brings up questions in people's minds of why he's acting this way."

During the campaign, Bunning raised eyebrows by saying Mongiardo looked like one of Saddam Hussein's sons and for reading from a TelePrompTer during a debate in which he appeared by satellite instead of in person.

He also drew criticism for admitting he wasn't a regular newspaper reader and didn't know that a group of Army reservists had refused a convoy mission in Iraq.

Asked if he regrets any aspects of his campaign, Bunning was clear.

"Sure we made mistakes. Everybody makes mistakes," he said. "The only time I've ever been perfect was for about two hours and 10 minutes on June 21, 1964." That was the day the former hall of fame baseball player pitched a perfect game for the Philadelphia Phillies against the New York Mets.

Bunning says his days as an athlete helped prepare him somewhat for the rough and

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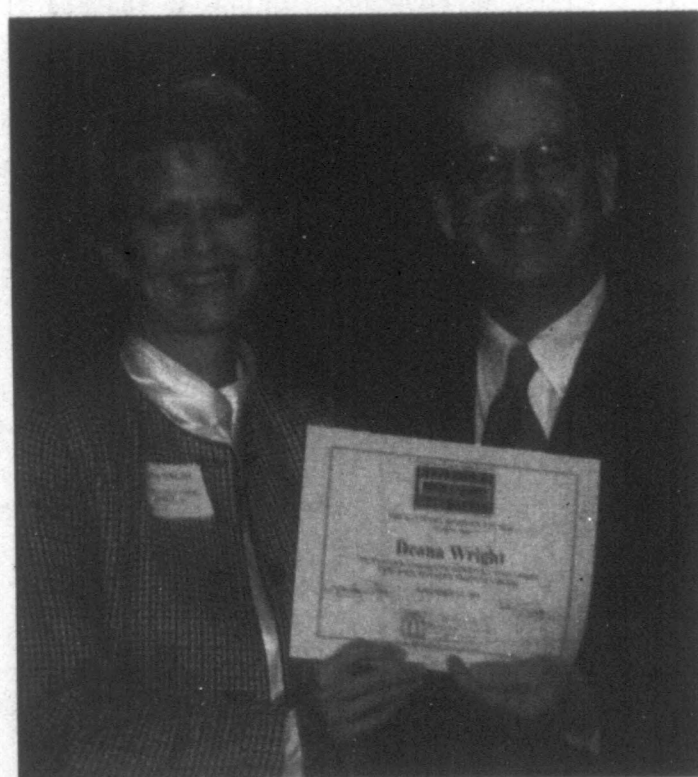
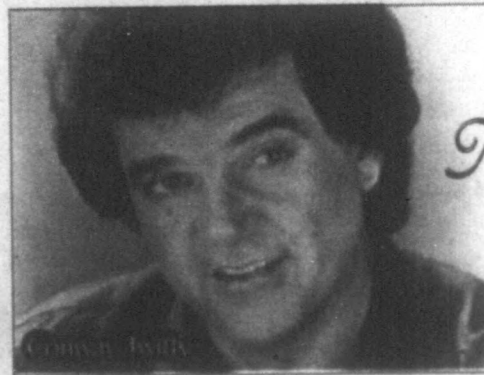


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Murray Main Street Director Deanna Wright is presented a certificate honoring her and Murray's program. At right is Roger Stapleton of the Kentucky Heritage Council.

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From Front

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Appraised at a combined \$25,000, the valuables are a small segment of the state's unclaimed-property fund, which grows by 70 percent per year. Fewer than a third of property owners ever claim their belongings. The fund contains 12,000 items worth a total of \$138.5 million.

Main Street ...

From Front

The Kentucky Main Street Program is based on a four-point approach developed by the National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation: organization, promotion, design and economic restructuring.
The goal is to encourage downtown revitalization and economic development within

the context of historic preservation.

Roger Stapleton, Karen Keown and Mark Dennen, Kentucky Heritage Council Main Street staff, presented Certified Main Street Manager certificates to 22 communities including Murray.

Hopkinsville, Cadiz and Paducah were also represented from western Kentucky.

Bunning ...

From Front

tumble of politics.

"It was a good thing I went through baseball, because if I didn't have a thick hide and tough skin, I would not have made it through some of this campaign that got pretty ugly," he said.

For their part, Democrats accused Bunning's camp of spreading rumors that Mongiardo, a 44-year-old bachelor, is gay.

While stumping with Bunning, Kentucky Senate President David Williams

referred to Mongiardo as a "limp wrist." Another Republican state senator, Elizabeth Tori, declared Mongiardo "is not a gentleman," and added, "I'm not even sure the word 'man' applies to him."

The issue was particularly sensitive in Kentucky this year, because of a popular ballot initiative banning same-sex marriages.

Asked why he didn't stop his supporters from insinuating Mongiardo was gay, Bunning went on defense.

"That I wouldn't take the responsibility for what somebody else said makes me a gay basher?" Bunning asked. "It's an absolute lie."

The senator is known for his combative relationship with the media, and he says that relationship is even icier these days. He blames the media for helping to spread the rumors about him. Again, Mongiardo thinks Bunning's got it wrong.

"I thought the media was very temperate when it came to Sen. Bunning," Mongiardo said. "They really didn't start reporting things until there was a compilation of issues."

Now that he is back on the job, Bunning says he plans to get back to work when the new Congress convenes in January.

He says helping President Bush win the war on terrorism is

the top priority but he also will be keeping an eye on other military matters, including possible base closures.

He says pushing for social security and tax reform are at the top of his to-do list, priorities also mentioned by the Bush administration and Senate leaders.

He said he also will push for funding for a new interstate bridge across the Ohio River between northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.

Republicans gained four seats in the Senate, leaving them with a 55-seat majority. That is five votes shy of the 60 needed to overcome vote-blocking filibusters, but Bunning said the election results probably will make Democrats from conservative-leaning states veer to the right when considering legislation.

"There has to be some kind of realization on those who represent the same constituents who voted for George W. that maybe they're not in tune with what really should be going on in the country," Bunning said.

Bunning sits on the banking, budget, finance, energy and veterans affairs committees. He says Senate restructuring may leave him without his post on the veterans committee in the new Congress.

Juveniles ...

From Front

it's burglary of theft because they break into houses to support their habits."

Right now six juveniles are participating in drug court, and Carroll knows that number

could easily be tripled if there was more money to fund resources and staff.

In the first phase, Carroll and drug court team members with participants weekly at 8 a.m. Parents also must attend. The juveniles are subject to random drug tests every day. They have a strict curfew and their privileges are limited.

Phase two has an extended curfew and a little more freedom. And the juveniles and their parents only have to meet with the team every other week.

The program usually lasts nine months to a year. "It takes that long to get them sober and get them to the point they won't re-offend."

The juvenile drug court is a cooperative effort among many community groups. People on the court's team include Calloway County Attorney David Harrington, Calloway County court-designated worker Janeann Turner, Murray High School Principal Teresa Speed, Calloway County Schools Director of Pupil Personnel Dennis Fisher, Calloway County

PoliceLog

Murray Police Department

- Someone came into the station at 11:36 a.m. Tuesday to report a theft.
- Criminal mischief was reported at 10:22 a.m. Wednesday at the Forrest View Apartment office.
- Theft of services was reported at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday at a 1626 Main Street apartment. An officer met with a Murray Electric System employee.
- A possible prowler was reported at 9:12 p.m. Wednesday at a Poplar Street apartment.
- Joseph Beane, 28, of Murray, was traveling southbound on Ky. 121 near River Road at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday when his 1998 green Chevrolet pickup truck left the right shoulder of the road. The truck overturned on the driver's side. An ambulance transported Beane to the MCCH emergency room, where he was admitted for injuries. Beane was charged with first-offense driving under the influence.
- An injury accident was reported at 4:22 p.m. Thursday at Ky. 94 East and Ky. 80.
- Summer Dunn, 21, of Dexter, was driving a vehicle that was stopped on U.S. 641 North at its intersection with Max Hurt Drive at the traffic light. Casi Clevidence, 20, of Benton, was traveling northbound on U.S. 641 North and failed to stop, causing the front of Clevidence's vehicle to strick the back of Dunn's vehicle. Dunn's passenger — Jayden Dunn, 2, of Dexter — was transported to MCCH for possible injuries.
- Someone came into the police station to report a criminal mischief incident at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Extra patrol was requested for the Brentwood Drive area.
- A stolen vehicle was reported at 1926-B Bagwell Drive at 6:54 p.m. Friday.
- Occupants of a vehicle were reported exposing themselves to passing cars on U.S. 641 North at 6:55 p.m. Friday. They were advised to stop during a traffic stop at Pocket's gas station on the corner of 12th and Chestnut streets.
- A stolen bicycle was reported at 6:59 p.m. Friday at 712 Riley Ct.
- Money was reported stolen at 7:33 p.m. Friday at a Hickory Woods room.
- Someone at the MCCH emergency room reported an assault victim at 11:42 p.m. Friday.
- A fight was reported at 12:01 a.m. Saturday at The Big Apple.
- A possible fight was reported at 12:48 a.m. Saturday at the Moose Lodge on North 16th Street. The subjects were gone when officers arrived.
- A burglary in progress was reported by a third party at 8 a.m. Saturday at 1610-B Chris Drive.
- Terroristic threatening was reported at 5:01 p.m. Saturday at 1303 Vine St.
- Someone came into the police station at 11:35 p.m. Saturday to report vandalism to a vehicle at Cheri Theater.
- A vehicle was egged at 1:25 a.m. Sunday at 1301 Sycamore St.
- Dean Hoff, 33, Dover, Tenn., was traveling southbound on 12th Street, entering the westbound turn lane to turn onto Ky. 121 North, at 5:50 p.m. Sunday. Hoff was looking at University Church of Christ to see if the church was in service when he struck the back of a vehicle driven by Mark Litchfield, 33, of New Concord. Litchfield was stopped in the outside, southbound lane lane when he was hit. Litchfield's passenger — Patricia Litchfield, 37, of New Concord — was treated at the scene then transported to MCCH, where she was treated for left knee, neck and head injuries. A wrecker removed Hoff's vehicle from the scene and Litchfield's vehicle remained in service.

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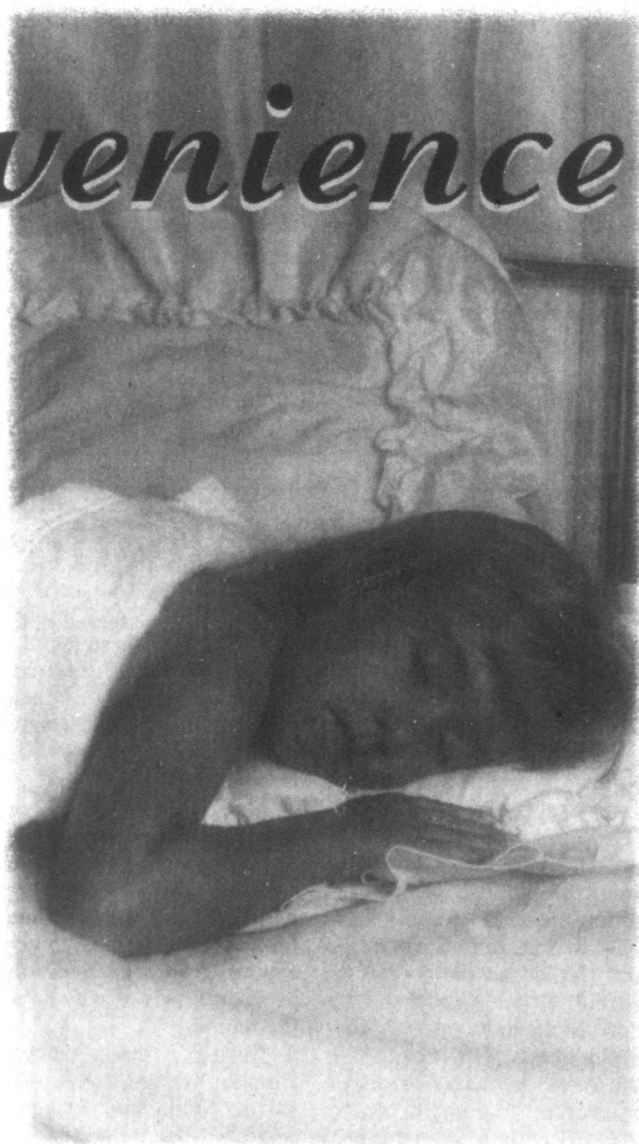
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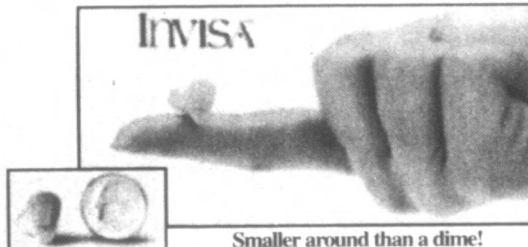
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WASHINGTON TODAY

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AP Poll: Majority want nominee to uphold Roe v. Wade decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Americans say President Bush's next choice for an opening on the Supreme Court should be willing to uphold the landmark court decision protecting abortion rights, an Associated Press poll found.

The poll found that 59 percent say Bush should choose a nominee who would uphold the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion. About three in 10, 31 percent, said they want a nominee who would overturn the decision, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

"While I don't have a strong feeling about abortions personally, I wouldn't want the law overturned and return to the days of backdoor abortions," said Colleen Dunn, 40, a Republican and community college teacher who lives outside Philadelphia.

The preference for Supreme Court nominees who would uphold Roe v. Wade could be found among both men and women, most age groups, most income groups and people living in urban, suburban and rural areas. Fewer than half of Republicans, evangelicals and those over 65 said they favored a nominee who would uphold the abortion ruling.

Bush has sidestepped questions about whom he would name to an opening, but has indicated he would pick judges like those he picked in his first term — often young and conservative.

While the public is generally divided on the abortion issue, polling consistently has found a clear majority of people who think abortion should be legal in at least some cases.

While there are no current openings on the high court, only one of the nine justices, Clarence Thomas, is under 65 and Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, has thyroid cancer.

The AP-Ipsos poll found that six in 10 think justices should face a mandatory retirement age.

The appointment of justices without term limits or a mandatory retirement age historically has helped to insulate the court from politics, said Dennis Hutchinson of the University of Chicago Law School. At the

same time, that can have the unintended consequence of letting some justices serve beyond their most effective years.

The poll question mentioned no specific retirement age. Appointment of Supreme Court justices for life is dictated by the Constitution and could be changed only by an amendment.

People over 65 were among those most likely to favor mandatory retirement, according to the poll.

"The justices hold office year after year," said Opal Bristow, an 84-year-old Democrat and retired teacher who lives near San Antonio. "Some of them are old codgers who need to get out of the way and let the younger folks with fresh ideas come in."

Most of those who have taken a position on whether a nominee should uphold or overturn Roe v. Wade say they wanted a nominee to state his or her position on abortion before confirmation. Nearly two-thirds of each group said they would want to know.

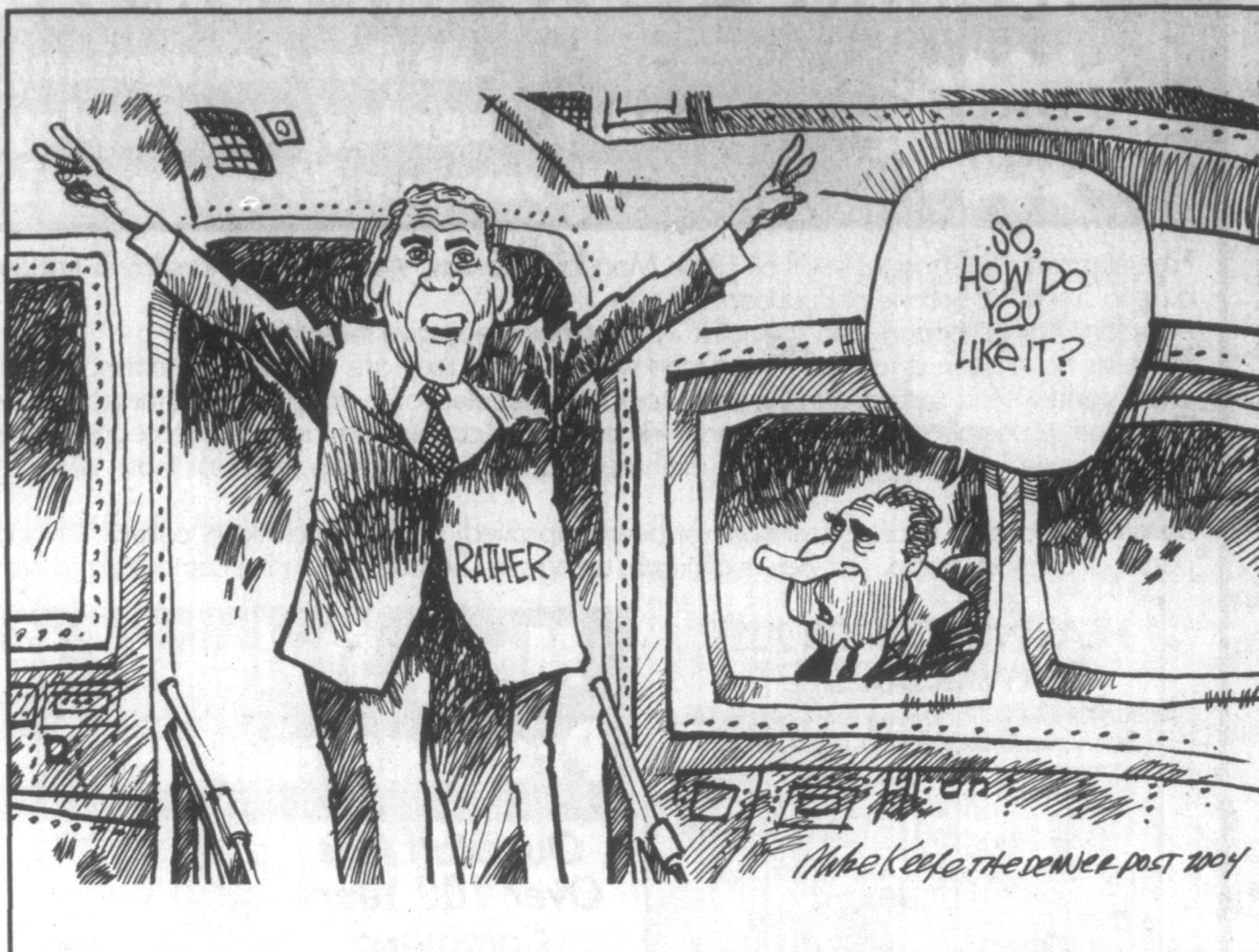
The survey found that 61 percent of all respondents said Supreme Court nominees should state their position on abortion before being approved for the job.

"In a perfect world they wouldn't have to talk about it," said Kenneth Cole, 39, a consultant from Columbus, Ohio, and a Republican who leans toward wanting Roe v. Wade overturned. "But whoever President Bush nominates, people will know where they stand. They won't be able to avoid the issue."

Another issue the Supreme Court will have to deal with at some point is homosexual marriage.

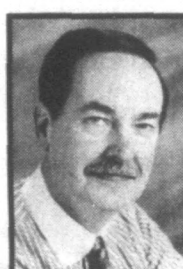
By 61 percent to 35 percent, people opposed gay marriage, with young adults between 18 and 29 about evenly split. Recent polls have indicated people are about evenly divided on the question of civil unions, which would provide many of the same legal protections as gay marriage.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,000 adults was taken Nov. 19-21 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



Dan Rather Blinks

Dan Rather, who has announced his "retirement" next March from the anchor desk he has held for 24 years, is a dinosaur. After the last of the old news anchors leaves his chair (Peter Jennings will be the final one sitting), Rather, Tom Brokaw and Jennings will be fossils. There will not be their like again.



Cal's Thoughts
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meant it.

While Rather is 73 and could have been expected to retire soon (his predecessor, Walter Cronkite, was forced out at age 65), the controversy over faked National Guard documents purporting to show George W. Bush failed to fulfill his military obligations appeared to give CBS management the excuse it needed to make a change. Rather, who helped bring down Richard Nixon, was himself brought down by a gross inaccuracy and a type of stonewalling reminiscent of the president he tormented.

It doesn't matter who replaces Rather. Everyone at that level of broadcast journal-

ism has been ideologically vetted. No one who is a conservative is allowed to ascend to the top of major news organizations. If you disagree, try naming one. Despite plummeting ratings and numerous surveys that have shown large numbers of people believe the major networks approach the things conservatives care about with a bias, even hostility, network executives refuse to acknowledge those feelings and continue to present the news through the filter of their leftist ideological worldview.

Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Center and a frequent critic of Rather, observed: "Mr. Rather's bias is part of an institutional problem throughout the national 'news' media - identified by former longtime CBS News correspondent Bernard Goldberg - which is the arrogant notion that their point of view is always accurate and always relevant to any story in which they choose to inject it."

More proof that nothing changes at the networks is the appointment of Jonathan Klein as president of CNN. Klein was executive vice president of CBS News. He praised the "60 Minutes" producer, Mary Mapes, who received and vouched for the forged National Guard documents from a well-known Bush-hater. Klein called Mapes "absolutely peerless... in the profession. She is a crack journalist."

Klein also blasted Internet bloggers for exposing the forged documents and CBS's error in standing behind them. He stereotyped a blogger as "a guy sitting in his living room in his pajamas writing what he thinks." The bloggers did a better job than CBS news anchors and producers, who sit around in their expensive suits telling us what they think. Klein carries his biases

from CBS to CNN.

The "60 Minutes" curmudgeon, Andy Rooney, has been making a bigger fool of himself lately by calling conservative Christians uneducated and ignorant. When the sports commentator Jimmy "the Greek" Snyder disparaged blacks in 1988, Dan Rather aired video of the remarks, which led to Snyder's firing by CBS management. That Rooney still holds his job after stereotyping and disparaging Christians sends a message of bias, even bigotry, to a substantial audience that CBS has mostly lost and obviously does not care if it wins back.

CBS's eye logo is an appropriate metaphor for what ails the network. "There is none so blind as they that won't see," wrote Jonathan Swift. Notice he didn't say "can't see," but "won't see."

CBS is not blind, but it deliberately closes its eyes to the institutional bias that substantial numbers of Americans can see quite clearly. Unlike the period during which anchors dominated the national news stage, people now have choices. They are choosing cable, especially Fox News Channel, in growing numbers.

If CBS continues in denial - and it will - its evening news ratings, which have been in third place for several years, will suffer further decline. It didn't have to be this way for Dan Rather or for the once great CBS. He should have learned from Richard Nixon that cover-up and stonewalling can come back to haunt you.

Cal Thomas hosts "After Hours" on Fox News Channel Saturdays at 11 p.m. ET. Direct all MAIL for Cal Thomas to: Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207.

Keep the Fires Burning

FRANKFORT - When the General Assembly failed, for the second time in two years, to pass a budget by the time the



Agree Or Not
By Todd Duvall
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That wasn't possible, because the constitution limits the length of a regular session to 60 days in even-numbered years.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher could have called an immediate special session to pass a budget, but with no agreement between the House and Senate on the issue, Fletcher saw a special session as a waste of time and money.

Since April, there have been lawsuits filed - all still pending and apparently going nowhere - and some half-hearted efforts to reach agreements on the tax issues dividing House

Democrats from Senate Republicans and Fletcher, but they haven't gone anywhere either.

So when the General Assembly comes back to the Capitol in January for the odd-year, 30-day session, the first order of business will be to accomplish what it could not do eight months before.

Republican successes in this month's legislative elections may make House Democrats a bit more amenable to compromise on the tax and budget issues, but there continues to be Democratic control of that chamber opposing Senate Republican control.

One legislator - Democrat Rep. John Will Stacy, of West Liberty, wants to go back to the idea of keeping legislatures in session until they pass a state budget. To do that, he's pre-filed a constitutional amendment to mandate just that.

Whether the amendment even gets serious consideration is questionable, but with the public clearly out of patience with the budgetary impasse here, there may be enough momentum to get Stacy's amendment on the 2005 ballot and approved in time for the 2006 regular session and another budget decision.

There are advantages and disadvantages to Stacy's idea.

On the negative side, there is the prospect of legislators sitting in the Capitol for weeks on end at a cost of \$50,000 or so a day and still not being able to pass a budget. It's doubtful an amendment requiring them to continue working on a budget past 60 days but without being paid salary and expenses would have any chance of passing.

On the positive side, the amendment would assure that a budget eventually emerges and becomes law as the constitution requires. No more lawsuits and countersuits and attorneys lining up seeking injunctions. Schools and state agencies would not be left wondering how much money they will have to operate when a new budget period begins on July 1. And all of state government would not be left in fiscal limbo until either a special session passes a budget or the next regular session passes one.

My thinking is that the positives outweigh the negatives. Indeed, it is entirely possible that the negative in truth will become a positive. No legislator thinking about re-election wants to be seen as sitting around in Frankfort day after day, week after week, costing the taxpayers big money while nothing

gets accomplished. That's one of the reasons the recent special session on state employee and teacher health insurance accomplished its mission without wasting a huge amount of time and tax money.

And if legislators know they have to pass a budget no matter how long it takes and how much it costs, they have no great incentive to prolong the process and, to get out of town in a timely manner, every incentive to resolve differences and give the taxpayers the budget the taxpayers have every reason to expect and demand of their lawmakers.

Finally, it has become all too easy for partisan divides to keep legislators from passing a budget within the 60-day limit. The courts have never ruled on the issue of spending money without a budget, so no one has been held accountable or made to answer for ignoring the constitutional requirement.

Stacy's amendment would hold their collective feet to the fire and force legislators to accomplish the most important job they are sent here to do - pass a timely budget.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Hazel Underwood

Mrs. Hazel Underwood, 75, Hazel, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at 11:10 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

She was a member of Hazel Baptist Church.

Her husband, Herbert Underwood, preceded her in death. Born Dec. 19, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Richard Johnson and Mamie Thorn Johnson.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Elaine Paschall and husband, Tommy, and Mrs. Christy Walker and husband, Terry, all of Murray, Mrs. Marsha James and husband, Mike, Eva, Tenn., and Mrs. Teri Brawner and husband, Richie, Missouri; one son, Jimmy Underwood and wife, Fay, Puryear, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hazel Baptist Church. The Rev. James Garland will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be with be at Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Hazel after 5 p.m. today (Monday) and from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Jimmy D. Downing

Jimmy D. Downing, 62, Trout Road, Hardin, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at 7 a.m. at his home.

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

Ivan Wrablik

A memorial service for Ivan Wrablik will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Terry Garvin will officiate.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Mr. Wrablik, 85, Pottertown Road, Murray, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at 6:40 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.



A retired electrical engineer for American Broadcast Co., he was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class, Murray Lions Club, Amateur Ham Radio Club, and Lodge #839 of Free and Accepted Masons at Berwyn, Ill.

He was the son of the late William Wrablik and Dora Pecuch Wrablik. Four sisters and four brothers also preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha E. Beran Wrablik, to

whom he was married Jan. 19, 1943; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy A. Provenzano and husband, Richard, Mesa, Ariz.; two sons, John W. Wrablik and wife, Marcia, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Ted J. Wrablik and wife, Juliette, Ventura, Calif.; three grandchildren, Kate Chubb and husband, Jake, Pocatello, Idaho, Martha Provenzano, Chicago, Ill., and Alicia Wrablik, Idaho Falls, Idaho; one great-grandchild, Kale Chubert, Pocatello, Idaho.

Matthew Todd Higgins

Matthew Todd Higgins, 32, Dacula, Ga., formerly of Bardwell, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, in Paducah.

He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church, Dracula, and was a pharmacist for Walgreens in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandfather, Willie Floyd Rose, and his paternal grandparents, Nolan Garfield Higgins and Helen Marie Higgins.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Butler Higgins; his parents, Marvin and Janice Rose Higgins, Bardwell; one brother, Kept Higgins, Murray; his maternal grandmother, Emma Lou Creason Rose, Benton; three aunts, Cindy Rose and Nancy Rose, both of Benton, and Karen Hamilton, Summertown, Tn.

The funeral was Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Stephen Seaford officiated. Burial was in the York Cemetery.



Higgins

Mrs. Edith Jean Tharp

Mrs. Edith Jean Tharp, 55, Almo, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at 7:05 a.m. at her home.

Born in Paducah, she was the daughter of the late Marvin McCoy and Lonnie Clay McCoy.

She was of Baptist faith and attended Jenny Ridge Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Tharp; two daughters, Mrs. Sherri Roseberry, Paducah, and Mrs. Angie Clements, Waverly, Tenn.; one son, Adam Roseberry, Kentucky; three brothers, Michael McCoy, Murray, Dennis McCoy, Gage, and Mark McCoy, Zeigler, Ill.; five grandchildren.

The funeral was Saturday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Lindsey Funeral Home, Paducah. Burial was in the Wallace Cemetery.

Checkpoint bomb kills several security members

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded at a police checkpoint in western Iraq today, and a police spokesman said that "many" Iraqi security force members were killed or injured. Al-Jazeera television reported six dead and nine hurt.

The attack in Baghdad, located 120 miles northwest of the capital, was the latest strike in an insurgent campaign against Iraq's fledgling security forces following the U.S.-led assault on Fallujah earlier this month. Dozens of policemen, national guards and government soldiers have died in attacks throughout Iraq over the past two weeks.

Police Lt. Mohammed al-Fehdawi said U.S. troops immediately sealed off the road following Monday's car bombing.

"Many policeman and National Guardsmen were killed, but we didn't have a figure yet," he said.

Elsewhere, gunmen stormed a police station west of the city of Samarra late Sunday, a spokesman said. The attackers, who faced no opposition, looted the armory and commandeered several police cars before leaving the area.

U.S. troops arrived at the station this morning and arrested two dozen officers, the policeman said. In Basra, British and Iraqi troops were deployed around the headquarters of the Iraqi National Guard southern regional headquarters after the chief staff refused to accept an order from Baghdad to remove him from his post.

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Wind, icy conditions hit Colorado, central states

DENVER (AP) — A winter storm that pounded the Sierra Nevada over the weekend delivered a snowy, icy mess across the nation's central states, stalling holiday travel, closing stretches of highway and making a nationally televised football game look at times like the tuner was off by a channel.

The system dumped nearly 3 feet of snow on parts of Colorado early Sunday before hitting the heavily populated Front Range with bitter cold, blustery wind and about a half-foot of snow.

Traffic was stop-and-go from the Eisenhower Tunnel back to Denver as thousands of people

returned from Thanksgiving holiday. Powder blanketed the field during the Denver Broncos game Sunday night against the Oakland Raiders.

Despite the bad weather, an official at Denver International Airport said there were only minor delays on one of the busiest travel days of the year.

"Things are still coming and going pretty well," airport spokesman Steve Snyder said.

Over the weekend, a winter storm system moved into the western United States from Alaska, bringing snow and rain. In central California, where the National Weather Service had issued a freeze advisory.

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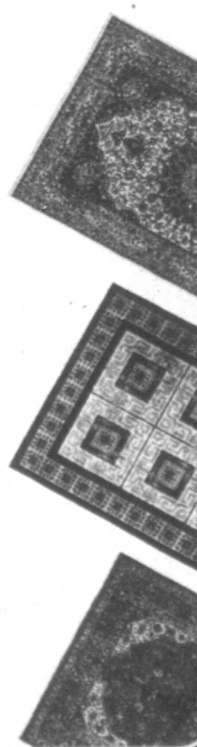
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Choir members present program at meeting

A group of choir members from First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) presented the program at the November meeting of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club at the club house.

They were accompanied by Mark Dycus, director, on guitar and Judith Hill on piano.

Members singing were Melanie Dawson, Julie Warner, Helen Campbell, Becky Hutson, Amy Roose and Nancy Dycus.

Hostesses for the meeting were Ruth Eversmeyer, Mary Beeth hays, Wyneth Harrington, Judith Hill, Shirley Jenstrom, Martha Joiner and Lee Kem.

The Chorus of the Music Department and the choirs of Calloway County High School and Murray High School will perform at the annual Holiday Open House at the club house on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

A reception will follow the program. The public is invited for the concert and reception.

The Music Department will have its next regular meeting on Jan. 18, 2005, to hear a program by Sonya Baker, soprano, professor at Murray State University.

Hostesses will be Pat Miller, Kathy Mowery, Annie Nance, Joann Niffenegger, Norma Paschall and Virginia Randolph.



Photo provided
Presenting the program at the November meeting of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club were, from left, Mark Dycus, Melanie Dawson, Julie Warner, Judith Hill, Helen Campbell, Becky Hutson, Amy Roos and Nancy Dycus.

Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. —Norman Vincent Peale



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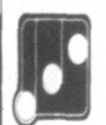
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Jessica Ottway presented two selections on her violin at the luncheon of Christian Women of Murray.



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Members of the mission teams to Honduras and Nicaragua present at the luncheon of Christian Women of Murray were, from left, Jo Lovett, Effie Kemp, Jean Bird and Judy Stahler.

Kemp gives report of missions at CW luncheon

Statistics of the results of the 43 mission teams in 2004 to Honduras and Nicaragua of the Baptist Medical & Dental Mission International were given by Effie Kemp at the November luncheon of the

Christian Women of Murray at First United Methodist Church social hall, Murray.

Kemp said there were 1,714 team members; 10,412 professions of faith; 23,429 Bibles distributed; 110,884 medical patients treated; 554,044 prescriptions filled; 10,863 dental patients treated; 18,856 teeth pulled; 20,818 eyeglasses distributed; and 10,268 animals treated by veterinarians.

Many persons have taken part in these mission trips from this area. Present at the luncheon here were Kemp, Jo Lovett, Jean Bird and Judy Stahler, who have all participated in this special effort.

Jennifer Ottway, violinist, entertained with two selections. She is a 2003 graduate of Calloway County High School and is working with her father at Ottway Signs.

Presenting a homily on "Thanksgiving" was Jean Shipley, a retired English teacher and guidance counselor.

The next luncheon will be Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in the social hall of First United Methodist Church. All interested persons are invited. For more information call Freda Lovett at 753-3999 or Jo Lovett at 753-4683.



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Murray Art Guild will have Christmas open house



**Jo's
Datebook**
By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

Murray Art Guild will have its Holiday Open House and opening reception of the Members' Exhibit on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the guild, located at 103 North Sixth St., in downtown Murray.

The exhibit will continue through Dec. 17 during regular hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, or by appointment.

The public is urged to attend. For more information call 753-4059.

Al-Anon meeting is Tuesday

Al-Anon will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

at First United Methodist Church. Please enter from the southside rear door located near the playground. The only requirement is that there be a problem of alcoholism or addiction in a relative or friend.

Dickens holiday dinner planned

Murray State University Chamber Singers will welcome the holiday season with their Dickens holiday dinner on Dec. 3 and 4. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom of MSU Curris Center. Caroling by the North Calloway Elementary School chorus, directed by Tracy Leslie, will begin at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Bradley Almquist is director of the Chamber Singers. The public is invited, but no tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by calling 762-6936.

Singles will meet Tuesday

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. Plans will be discussed for the Christmas Dance @04 to be Dec. 3 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Gibson building, Mayfield. For information call Vicky at 753-3128, Laverne at 753-0181 or Jackie at 1-270-247-7754.

Program planned on identity theft

Kentucky State Trooper Barry Meadows will teach a workshop on "Preventing Identity Theft" on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Calloway County Extension Office, 310 South Fourth St., Murray. The workshop is free to all who are interested in this important topic.

Schools Calendar Committee to meet

Calloway County Schools Calendar committee will meet Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in room 1 at the Calloway County Board of Education to discuss the 2005-2006 school calendar.

Parent Support Group will meet

Parent Support Group, formerly called Parents Anonymous, will meet tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 753-7004.

Income Tax program is today

UK Farm Management Specialists Jennifer Rogers and David Heisterberg will present a program on "Income Tax Management" today at 5:30 p.m. at the Murray State Expo classroom. The program will last about two hours. Refreshments will be served.

Relay for Life meeting today

Relay for Life of Calloway County committee will meet today at 5:30 p.m. at Pagliai's. For more information call Kathy Hodge at 436-2424 or visit www.callowayrelayforlife.org.

Santa Claus will be on courthouse

Santa Claus is coming to downtown Murray. He will be at his home on the courthouse square located on the north side of the courthouse. His hours will be 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4; noon to 3 p.m., Dec. 11; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 18, 22, 23 and 24. Persons may come and also get a picture made with Santa. For information call Murray Main Street at 759-9474.

Family Service needs help

West Kentucky United Methodist Family Services still need people, classes, groups etc. to adopt foster children for their wish list. The service would like to have \$200 to cover the wish list and \$20 for stockings. If you wish to donate, call Elizabeth at 1-270-443-9004.

Salvation Army Unit needs bell ringers

Kerry Lambert, chairman of the local unit of The Salvation Army, needs volunteers to help with the ringing of the Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart. Ringers are needed for Dec. 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24. Lambert said "we invite any church, youth group, civic groups, fraternities, sororities and businesses to help us provide for the needs of Calloway County this year." For questions or to sign up for ringing, call Lambert at 762-1274 or 753-7265.

Sponsorships for Santa Project needed

The 2004 Santa Project serves children, school age and younger, in the Murray and Calloway County area by providing gifts of clothes, toys and books. Michelle Hansen, coordinator of Calloway County Family Resource Center, said "Sponsors are needed for the special program by donating a toy, volunteering or giving a monetary donation." To volunteer for any way, call the center at 762-7333 or 759-9592.

Need Line needs donations for baskets

Donations will be accepted until Dec. 10 to help fill the Christmas baskets for families for the holidays by Need Line. Persons may bring items to the Need Line office in the Weak's Community Center. For information call 753-6333.

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Christmas trees go 'designer'

AURORA, Ore. (AP) — Joe Sharp has traveled the world but says he has never found a more perfect Christmas tree than in Oregon, the nation's largest producer in a \$791 million industry and a leader in the effort to revive the holiday market for live trees.

Sharp, a former airline executive turned tree grower, has created a "designer tree" out of the noble fir, a fragrant and sturdy evergreen that only the climate and soil in Oregon can produce in abundance.

Sharp and his Yule Tree Farms are shipping noble firs across the country to test the demand for a higher-priced tree that is carefully managed from seedling to shipping, resulting in a lush, symmetric shape that resists drying.

He is betting that consumers will justify the extra cost in exchange for the guarantee of a classic appearance and durability, along with the reassurance his operation is friendly to the environment.

Tree farms turn idle acreage into productive farmland, protect against erosion, provide jobs and their products can be recycled and regenerated — unlike the petroleum-based plastic used to make artificial trees, Sharp said.

"It's just part of the whole industry that has been developing to bring the farm experience back to urban Americans," Sharp said.

So far, the reception to the Oregon noble firs has been positive in test markets, despite a \$70 to \$80 price tag in some areas.

"I don't think we'll have any problem selling them," said Tom Anrico, a veteran buyer for Stew Leonard's, an upscale supermarket chain based in Norwalk, Conn.

The designer tree is part of a larger marketing effort by the National Christmas Tree Association to renew consumer demand for live trees.

"Our market has shifted on us and we just didn't pay attention," said Irwin Loiterstein, director of the association's national marketing campaign.

He notes annual sales of live trees dropped from about 32 million in 2000 to 23.4 million in 2003, while the number of artificial trees displayed each year has grown from an estimated 50.6 million in 2000 to 62.9 million in 2003.



Joe Sharp inspects a noble fir tree as against a backdrop of thousands of trees at the tree farm in Aurora, Ore., Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004. His Christmas tree business is getting into the business of designer Christmas trees.

The shift shows that consumer trends have become more complex and tree growers need more sophisticated techniques to reach buyers, Loiterstein said.

For example, he said the trade group has noticed what appears to be a move back to traditional holiday values by the so-called "Generation Y" — an age group from 14-28 that has seen a steady increase in divorce and single-parent homes and views the holiday as a way to reunite families, if only temporarily.

"They are very family oriented," Loiterstein said.

"Half the fun of the holidays is picking out a tree on a lot or a farm," he said. "You don't get that experience with going to

Wal-Mart and lugging a plastic tree home in box, so we have to remind them of that."

Ron Hudler, who operates the Hudler Carolina Tree Farm Inc. in North Carolina, the nation's No. 2 producer, says growers are working to adapt to changing tastes and offer more alternatives. But given the lead time required, it is difficult.

"The decisions we made six to seven years ago are the ones we have to live with in today's market," Hudler said.

Shipping has become a factor with the increase in fuel costs and busy trucking companies unable or unwilling to shoulder the extra burden.

"The unique thing about Christmas trees that a lot of peo-

ple forget when comparing them to other agricultural products is that Christmas is such a compressed harvest season — it's just a crazy time of year," said Brian Ostlund, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tree Association.

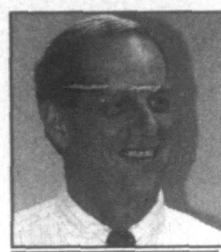
"If growers don't have to reach too far outside the traditional boundaries of putting them on trucks to Los Angeles or Dallas-Fort Worth, they can handle it," Ostlund said.

But the industry must move to expand markets, he said, including efforts to sell trees in Mexico, Japan and China.

"You have to pay attention to where the customers are at. You can't just wait for the phone to ring," Ostlund said.

Enhance Christmas tree longevity with simple measures

According to the Kentucky Christmas Tree Association there are over 50 Christmas tree growers in the commonwealth. Most farms are in the north central region but there are several in west Kentucky. The Association web site, www.kychristmastrees.com lists tree farm locations.



Extension Notes

By Lloyd Weatherly
Calloway County
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The National Christmas Tree Association notes that there are over 500,000 acres of Christmas trees grown in the U.S. Each acre provides the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people. The top Christmas tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The top selling Christmas Trees are: balsam fir, Douglas fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scots (Scotch) pine, Virginia pine, and white pine.

Here in Kentucky producers primarily grow white pine, Virginia pine, Douglas fir, Colorado blue spruce, Norway spruce and Scots pine, although there have been problems to a degree with this species.

It can take as many as 15 years to grow a tree of average retail sale height (6 - 7 feet) or as little as 4 years, but the average growing time is 7 years.

Tree freshness and form will be greatly enhanced if the trees can be purchased from a source that displays trees standing upright rather than lying down. Generally, brown needles on the interior of the tree do not indicate poor quality. Look for fullness, coloring and good needle holding characteristics on the current and previous season's growth. One other point: select a tree that is a little larger than that needed to provide some greens for extra decoration and to allow for a fresh cut on the stump.

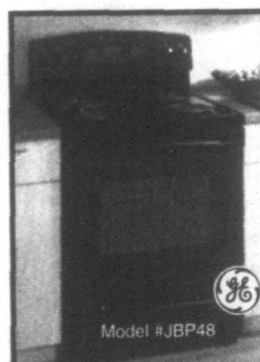
When the ideal tree has been selected, bring it home and make a fresh cut across the stump, either at an angle or in a "V" shape to allow for a greater absorbing surface. Once completed, the tree stump can be placed in a bucket of tepid water or in a solution of ammonium sulfate. Adding the right amount of ammonium sulfate to the water will make wood and needles of the tree more fire resistant.

The procedure to follow using this fertilizer, available at garden stores, is to weigh the tree using a bathroom scale and divide the weight in pounds by four. This will give the amount of fertilizer in pounds needed to treat the tree. If the tree weighs 12 pounds, then 3 pounds of ammonium sulfate would be needed.

For each pound of fertilizer, 1.5 pints of water is used to dissolve the material, so the example tree would then require 4.5 pints of water to dissolve the 3 pounds of fertilizer. Fresh cut trees will absorb this solution or just plain water very quickly; old cut trees will absorb it slowly. Either way, be sure the butt end of the tree is kept in the fertilizer solution or water throughout the holiday season.

To enhance the color and help minimize messiness you can spray the tree with a solution of anti-desiccant (40 parts water; 1 part anti-desiccant) an hour or two before putting it up. This will help keep the tree turgid with water longer, which reduces filling the holder containing the water or solution as often, and will help to minimize the threat of fire hazard. Anti desiccants and fire retardants are available at garden stores. WILT-PRUF is one brand name anti desiccant.

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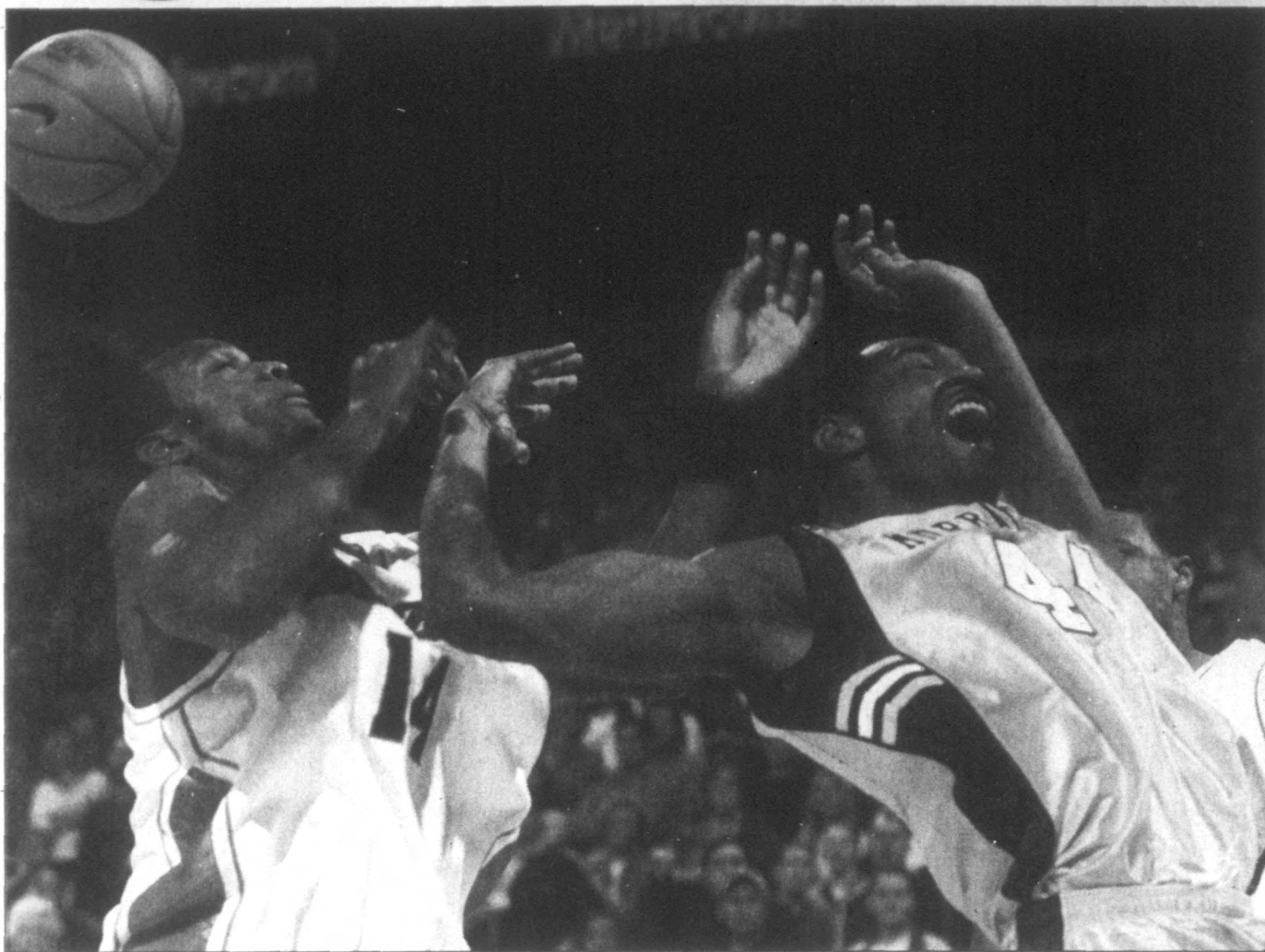
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Tigers tame Racers



Missouri's Kevin Young, left, and Murray State's Pearson Griffith, collide with each other as they battle for a rebound Sunday during the first half in Columbia, Mo.

Mizzou hands Murray State its first loss of the season, shutting down the Racers' offense in the second half

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Linas Kleiza knew it when he saw it. Jason Conley was fired up and would not let his team lose.

"He just took the game over," Kleiza said.

With the Tigers trailing by seven with 7:55 left, Conley scored eight consecutive points for the Tigers including a thunderous dunk that became a three-point play and drew Missouri within one. Jimmy McKinney took over from there, pushing the Tigers to a 59-55 win over Murray State on Sunday and breaking a three-game losing streak.

Conley, the only senior who sees playing time, finished with 11 points and McKinney had a team-high 12. Thomas Gardner added 10 points for the Tigers (3-3).

Conley said he saw an opportunity to turn the game around and grabbed it.

"There are certain guys that show their true leadership with words, and there are some that show it with action," Conley said. "I'm one of those guys that likes to go out and do it."

After a 12-2 run gave Murray State (2-1) a 46-39 lead with 7:55 left, Missouri responded with a 16-4 rally for a 55-50 lead. Coach Quin

Snyder said Conley took over the team huddle after that.

"Jason Conley put his foot down and said, 'You know what? I'm not letting this happen,'" Snyder said. "Our guys in the huddle, they were all saying the right things and I'm glad that we were rewarded for our perseverance."

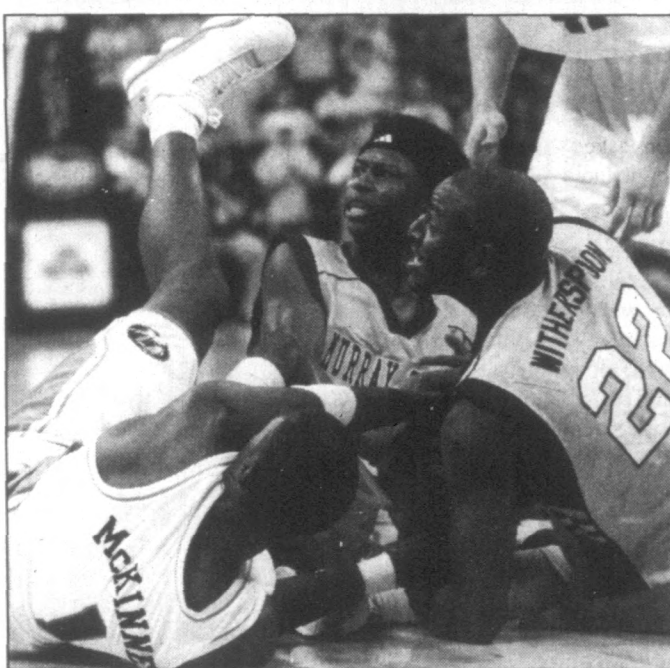
Conley started Missouri's rally with a 3-pointer from the left wing and a leaper. After Missouri tipped a shot into its own basket, Conley had his momentum-changing dunk and converted from the line to draw the Tigers within one point.

"Jason was the guy who really started making some plays," Snyder said.

McKinney took over after Conley was done, scoring Missouri's next seven points. His 3-pointer with 4:55 left gave Missouri the lead for good.

Trey Pearson hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to go, bringing Murray State within two points, and Conley committed a turnover on Missouri's next possession. The Racers were unable to convert, however, and Missouri sealed its win with free throws from McKinney, Conley and Jason Horton.

McKinney said it was increased focus on sharing the



Murray State's Shawn Witherspoon, right, and teammate Trey Pearson, center, try to get a timeout next to Missouri's Jimmy McKinney, left, during a scramble for a loose ball in the second half Sunday in Columbia, Mo. Missouri won 59-55.

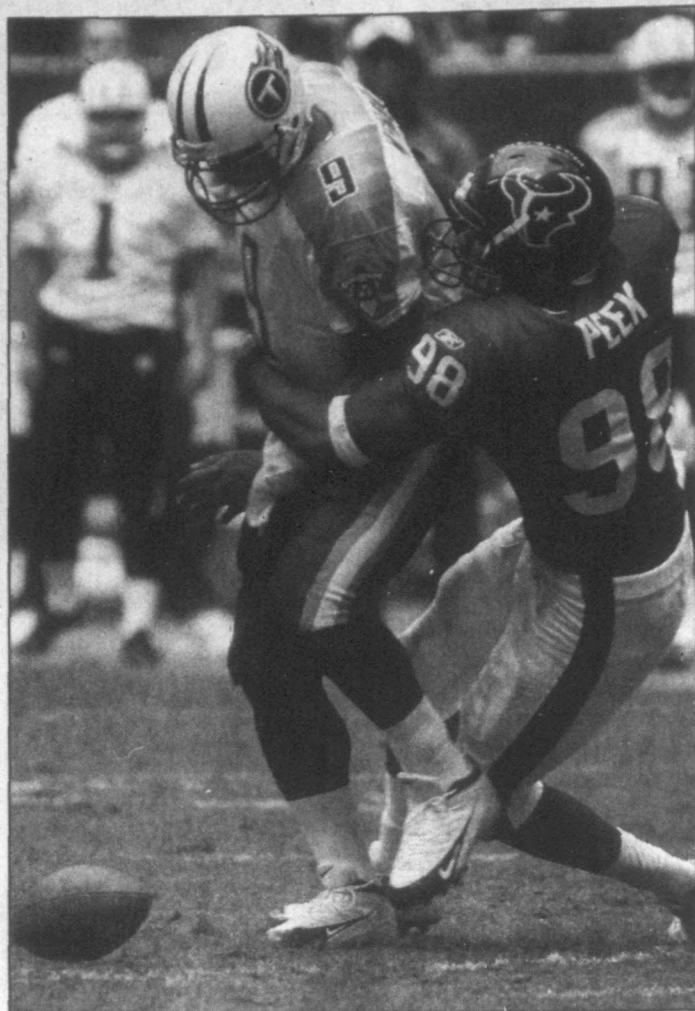
ball that changed the game.

"It's a collective thing," McKinney said. "It wasn't just me and Jason; we were making the extra pass. We went away from that the last three games."

The Tigers, who struggled

from the field in losses to Creighton and Houston in last week's Guardians Classic, hit six of their first eight shots to take a 17-5 lead. Murray State was 2-for-10 over that span, including 1-for-6 from

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Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair (9) fumbles as he is hit by Houston's Antwan Peek (98) during the fourth quarter Sunday in Houston. The Texans beat the Titans 31-21.

Texans rally past Tennessee

HOUSTON (AP) — David Carr watched helplessly from the sideline last week while Brett Favre methodically moved the Green Bay Packers down the field in the final minute to snatch away a victory from the Houston Texans.

Given a chance of his own Sunday, Carr put together a passable imitation of his boyhood idol.

Carr threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns and Domanick Davis rushed for a season-high 129 yards and a score to help the Houston Texans rally from an 18-point deficit in a 31-21 win over the Tennessee Titans.

"The game couldn't have started any tougher for us," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "The team learned from the tough defeat last week. You have to hang in there and battle."

After allowing Favre and the Green Bay Packers to come back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter for a win last week, Carr and the Texans rallied from the largest deficit in franchise history for a victory.

"I just said it couldn't get any worse," Carr said. "We just had to go out and keep believing in ourselves. That's what we did, and it worked out for us."

The Texans (5-6) ended a three-game losing streak and, perhaps most importantly to

their fans, swept the season series from the team they replaced in Houston. Titans owner Bud Adams, who moved the Houston Oilers to Tennessee in 1996, took in the defeat from a luxury suite in the stadium Houston wouldn't build for him.

Houston also tied its win total from last season in its 11th game, a clear improvement for the third-year team.

The Titans (4-7) dropped into last place in the AFC South, likely ending their slim playoff hopes much earlier than expected. Tennessee has missed the playoffs only once in the previous five seasons.

"These are uncharted waters," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We haven't been here before."

Tennessee wasted a brilliant first-half performance from Steve McNair.

McNair completed his first seven passes for 80 yards, including a couple of touchdown throws to Erron Kinney to give Tennessee a 14-0 lead. He added another touchdown pass to Derrick Mason early in the second quarter, increasing the Titans' lead to 21-3.

Carr had an interception on his first pass attempt of the game, throwing right to Titans safety Scott McGarrahan, drawing a chorus of boos from the normally patient Houston crowd.

It's Couples — again — in Skins Game

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — It seemed as if it was just a matter of time before Fred Couples would win the Skins Game. Doesn't he always?

Sure enough, when Tiger Woods had a splashdown on the fourth playoff hole, Couples needed to just play it safe to cap another remarkable Thanksgiving weekend in the desert.

Couples claimed the final three skins and \$340,000 on the fourth extra hole Sunday to win his record fifth Skins Game with a total of \$640,000.

"It's a sweet day for me," Couples said.

Thanksgiving weekend has always been money time for the 45-year-old Couples. He has won a record \$3,515,000 and 77 skins in 11 appearances in the made-for-TV tournament.

"I'm just happy I took the 'King of Skins' extra holes," said Woods, who had plenty of chances to win. "I made him work for it."

Couples won all his money Sunday, starting with a birdie putt worth \$300,000 and eight skins on the first hole. He finally won the tournament after Woods' tee shot went into the water on the last playoff hole, the par-3, 204-yard 17th at Trilogy Golf Club on a cold, windy day in the desert.

Woods finished second with five skins and \$310,000, more money than he won in his previous four Skins Games combined.

After making a sensational Skins Game debut last year, Annika Sorenstam was shut out this time. She and Aussie Adam Scott were eliminated on the first playoff hole. Scott won two skins and \$50,000 Saturday, when the first nine holes were played.

Murray State beats up on Ball State

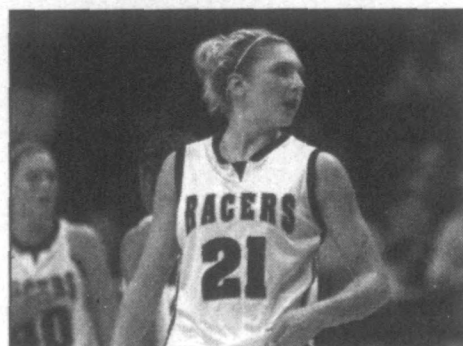
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MUNCIE, Ind. — Senior guard Rebecca Remington scored a career-high 29 points and sophomore guard Ashley Hayes arched in a career-high 25 as the Murray State Lady Racers upended host Ball State 87-76 Sunday afternoon.

Remington hit 12 of her 21 shots from the field and handed out a game-high six assists. Hayes, a native of Kokomo, Ind., had family and friends watch as she popped in seven of her 14 3-point attempts, shooting 9-for-18 from the field to go with four rebounds and three assists. Her seven treys is one short of the school single-game record, set last season by Megan Fuqua.

The Lady Racers committing only seven turnovers while forcing 18. After claiming only three offensive rebounds in its previous game, Murray State grabbed 12 Sunday, with nine of those coming in the first half.

"I was really pleased," said MSU head coach Joi Williams. "We did a much better job on the defensive end (Sunday). We sent them to the free-throw line too many times in the first half (Ball State was 11-for-12 from the line in the first half), but we did a much better job in the second half (4-for-5).



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger file photo
Rebecca Remington scored a game-high 29 points as the Lady Racers upended Ball State Sunday afternoon.

"We challenged our kids to play better and to go harder for the rebounds and go after the ball on every play. This will provide us with something we needed to build on."

Murray State (2-2) opened the game with an early 10-6 lead, but Ball State (2-2) used a 15-8 run to get out to a 21-18 lead midway through the first half.

The Cardinals pushed out to a 26-22 lead, but the Lady Racers pushed right back, using a 14-4 run on the strength of three Hayes treys, a Hayes jumper and

a free throw and a lay-in by Remington to take a 36-30 lead with 1:36 left in the half.

BSU scored the last four points of the half from the line to narrow MSU's lead to 39-38 at halftime.

Ball State opened the second half on a 13-5 run, taking a 51-44 lead four minutes into the half. But that is when MSU got things going. The Lady Racers went on a 16-3 run that gave them the lead for good, tying the game at 51-51 on a layup by sophomore guard Gerraca Matthews and taking the lead for good on a lay-in by senior forward Kaleena Miller, giving MSU a 53-51 lead with 13:13 left in regulation.

Ball State cut the lead to one on a 3-pointer, but Hayes struck with a jump-shot and a trey of her own to give MSU a 60-54 lead at the end of the 16-3 run.

The Cardinals cut the MSU lead to three midway through the second half, but Remington went on an 8-0 run all her own, hitting two free throws and three layups to push the Lady Racers' lead to 70-59 with just under nine minutes to play. MSU took its largest lead at 87-74 with a minute left in the game.

Freshman guard Shaleea Petty added 12 points for Murray State.



Murray Middle School's seventh grade boys' basketball team recently placed second in the EagleFest Tournament at Graves County. The Tigers reached the tournament's championship game by defeating host Graves County 53-45 and University Heights Academy 35-33. The MMS team is coached by Adam French (pictured), Justin Ard and Justin Scott.

Eagles in playoffs; Falcons on verge

By The Associated Press

Now the Philadelphia Eagles can start thinking about the playoffs, and ending their unenviable run of losses in the NFC title game.

While the Eagles won their fourth consecutive NFC East crown Sunday with a 27-6 victory over the New York Giants, the Atlanta Falcons moved to the verge of their third division title — ever. The Falcons beat New Orleans 24-21 and need just one more win in their final five games to secure the NFC South championship.

For the Eagles (10-1), making the playoffs is a minor step. They're determined to reach the Super Bowl after falling in the NFC championship game the last three years.

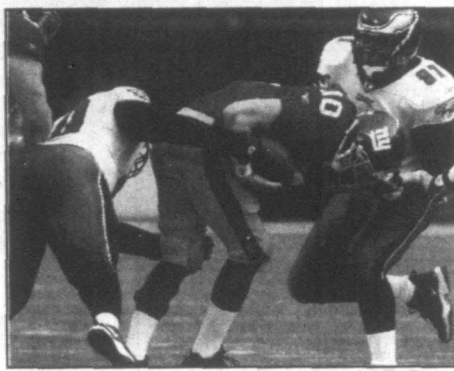
To do so, they might have to knock

off the Falcons (9-2), who look like the only other legitimate Super Bowl contender in the conference.

In other games, it was: Cincinnati 58, Cleveland 48 in the highest-scoring NFL game since the 1970 merger; Pittsburgh 16, Washington 7; New England 24, Baltimore 3; Oakland 25, Denver 24; San Diego 34, Kansas City 31; the New York Jets 13, Arizona 3; Minnesota 27, Jacksonville 16; Buffalo 38, Seattle 9; Miami 24, San Francisco 17; Houston 31, Tennessee 21; and Carolina 21, Tampa Bay 14.

On Monday night, St. Louis is at Green Bay.

The holiday weekend began Thursday with Indianapolis (8-3) beating Detroit 41-9 and Dallas (4-7) defeating Chicago (4-7) 21-7.



Giants quarterback Eli Manning is sacked by Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackles Corey Simon, left, and Darwin Walker, right, during the third quarter Sunday.

AP Photo

Racers ...

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long range.

Missouri struggled after a Linas Kleiza 3-pointer with 10:47 left in the first half, going almost eight minutes without a point until Kevin Young's layup with 3:02 to go.

The Racers went on a 13-0 run during the Tigers' slump and trailed 27-26 at the half. With the game tied at 39, the Racers scored seven straight points to frustrate the Tigers and fire Conley up.

Murray State coach Mick Cronin said his team faced a difficult challenge against a team looking to end its losing skid.

"We were trying to get everybody on the same page offensively in an environment where you're facing a team with their back against the wall," Cronin said. "Missouri dug it out late and you have to give them credit."

Or, more accurately, Conley and McKinney salvaged the victory late.

"You can talk all day," Conley said. "If you go out and show people that you're ready to lead and ready to make a stand, I think that's what's important."

The game was the first in Mizzou Arena since its name change. It was previously named Paige Sports Arena after Elizabeth Paige Laurie, the daughter of Missouri donors Bill and Nancy Laurie. The name change came Friday, after nationally televised allegations that Paige Laurie paid another student to complete her assignments at the University of Southern California.

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MURRAY STATE (2-1)
Witherspoon 3-6 0-1 7, Redding 6-11 2-2 15, Griffith 2-7 1-2 5, Pearson 6-12 2-2 16, Jenifer 0-6 0-0 0, Dansby 0-1 0-0 0, Hopkins 1-8 1-2 4, Orr 0-2 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 3-6 0-1 6, TEAM 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-60 6-10 55.

MISSOURI (3-3)
Young 3-6 1-3 7, Brown 2-3 0-2 6, McKinney 3-7 4-6 12, Conley 4-8 2-4 11, Gardner 4-8 0-0 10, Horton 0-3 1-2 1, Dandridge 0-0 0-0 0, Ferguson 1-2 1-2 3, Kleiza 4-10 0-4 9, Grimes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-47 9-23 59.

Halftime — Missouri 27, Murray State 26. **3-Point goals** — Murray State 5-18 (Pearson 2-6, Witherspoon 1-2, Redding 1-2, Hopkins 1-4, Jenifer 0-2, Orr 0-2). Missouri 8-20 (Brown 2-2, McKinney 2-4, Gardner 2-5, Conley 1-2, Kleiza 1-5, Horton 0-2). **Fouled out** — Jenifer. **Technical fouls** — Murray State bench. **Rebounds** — Murray State 35 (Pearson 8), Missouri 36 (Kleiza 7). **Assists** — Murray State 10 (Pearson 4), Missouri 11 (McKinney 4). **Total fouls** — Murray State 22, Missouri 15. **A** — 8, 27.

ter of Missouri donors Bill and Nancy Laurie. The name change came Friday, after nationally televised allegations that Paige Laurie paid another student to complete her assignments at the University of Southern California.

The Laurie family donated \$25 million toward the construction of the arena but agreed on Tuesday to drop its naming rights.

Vols head to Atlanta with some questions

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Volunteers have been asked the last two weeks about facing Auburn for a second time this season in the Southeastern Conference championship.

They have tried to keep their focus on Vanderbilt and Kentucky, but now the regular season is over and the SEC title game is next week.

"It's finally here and we can talk about it," coach Phillip Fulmer said after Saturday's 37-31 win over Kentucky.

One of the first topics to address might be how can the Vols play Auburn with a defense that's played poorly the last two games?

Tennessee, which remained at No. 15 in this week's poll, had six turnovers and Auburn had 400 yards of total offense in the Tigers' 34-10 victory on Oct. 2.

After the loss, the Vols won its next four SEC games and clinched a berth in the SEC championship by beating Vanderbilt 38-33 last week.

The Vols (9-2, 7-1) could have lost to Kentucky and still been the East division champion. But losing to a team that had not beaten them since 1984 would have been a huge embarrassment and done little to

boost their confidence before facing undefeated Auburn.

The Wildcats (2-9, 1-7) nearly pulled off the upset while Tennessee's defense failed to be effective until the fourth quarter. And Vanderbilt almost ended its two-decade losing streak to the Vols last week.

Fulmer thought Tennessee's defense just didn't have its heart in the game.

"Defense is a game of passion, emotion, flying around. You can't be afraid to give up big plays," Fulmer said. "We now need to score 30-something points to get a win and that isn't good."

"Auburn is a very talented team, on a roll, with something to prove. We'll have to play very well against them."

Vanderbilt rolled up 420 yards of offense last week. Kentucky had 323 total yards, its second biggest offensive output since getting 560 yards in a win over Indiana. Tennessee sealed both wins with interceptions at the end.

"From my standpoint, the defense hasn't gotten to where it should be in the last two weeks," Tennessee defensive end Karlton Neal said. "I take nothing away from Vanderbilt and Kentucky."

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| Cleveland 96, Chicago 74 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Dallas 98, Memphis 85 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| San Antonio 109, Utah 76 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Denver 82, Houston 76 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Milwaukee 96, Detroit 90 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Sunday's Games | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Washington 114, Toronto 109, OT | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| L.A. Clippers 103, Golden State 91 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Miami 106, Boston 104 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Portland 83, New Jersey 71 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Seattle 103, Indiana 95 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Minnesota 121, Sacramento 110 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| L.A. Lakers 89, New Orleans 76 | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Monday's Games | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Boston at Orlando, 6 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| New Orleans at Denver, 8 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Tuesday's Games | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| New York at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Toronto at Miami, 6:30 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Sacramento at Memphis, 7 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Detroit at Houston, 7:30 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |
| Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m. | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | | |

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Sunday's Games

Houston 31, Tennessee 21
Pittsburgh 16, Washington 7
Philadelphia 27, N.Y. Giants 6
Cincinnati 58, Cleveland 48
San Diego 34, Kansas City 31
Carolina 21, Tampa Bay 14
Minnesota 27, Jacksonville 16
Atlanta 24, New Orleans 21
Buffalo 38, Seattle 9
N.Y. Jets 13, Arizona 3
Miami 24, San Francisco 17
New England 24, Baltimore 3
Oakland 25, Denver 24

Monday's Game

St. Louis at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 5
Arizona at Detroit, noon
Buffalo at Miami, noon
Houston at N.Y. Jets, noon
Minnesota at Chicago, noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon
San Francisco at St. Louis, noon
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, noon
Carolina at New Orleans, noon
New England at Cleveland, noon
Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 6
Dallas at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Eastern trumps Aces

CHARLESTON, Ill. (AP) — Emanuel Dildy scored 24 points and Josh Gomes added 23 to lead Eastern Illinois to a 79-74 victory over Evansville Sunday.

The Panthers (1-1) were up 75-69 on a layup by Aaron Patterson with 2:35 left in the game, when the Aces (2-1) scored five straight to narrow the score to 75-74.

But Gomes and Cortez Forte

each made two free throws in the final 19 seconds to clinch the win for Eastern, who led 42-38 at the half.

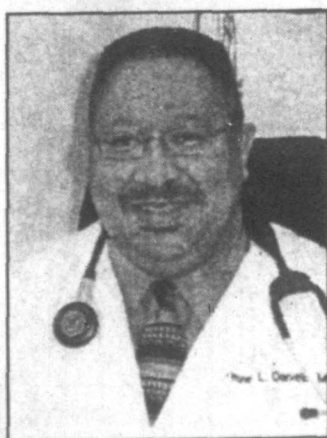
Matt Webster led Evansville with 18 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals, while Lucious Wagner had 13 points and 5 rebounds.

The game was tied eight times, with the lead changing hands 14 times.

SportsBriefs

■ The Murray High School Fast-Pitch Softball Club will meet on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the school.

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| A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | B | C | D | 6:00 | 6:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 |
| WKRN-ABC | 2 | 2 | | (5:00) News | | Good Morning America | | Regis and Kelly | | The View (N) | Jane Pauley |
| WSIL-ABC | 3 | 3 | | News | | Good Morning America | | Tony Danza | | The View (N) | Matlock (In Stereo) |
| WSMV-NBC | 4 | 4 | | News | | Today (In Stereo) | | | | Tony Danza | Ellen Show |
| WTVF-CBS | 5 | 5 | | News | | The Early Show | Montel Williams | The Price Is Right | News | Y & R | |
| WPSD-NBC | 6 | 6 | 6 | News | | Today (In Stereo) | | To Be Announced | News | | |
| WBBJ-ABC | 7 | 7 | 7 | Good Morning | | Good Morning America | | Regis and Kelly | | The View (N) | Divorce News |
| WNPT-PBS | 8 | 8 | | Mr. Callow | | Lions | Arthur | Couch | Tele- | Sesame Street | Booh- |
| KBSI-Fox | 9 | 9 | 2 | 3 | Paid | Lights | Arthur | Hatchett | Hatchett | Judge Mathis | Booh- |
| WQTV-UPN | 10 | 17 | 11 | 30 | Paid | Under- | Garfield | Dennis | Home Delivery (N) | Pat | Pat |
| KFVS-CBS | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | Breakfast Show | The Early Show (In Stereo) | | Regis and Kelly | | The Price Is Right | Young-Restless |
| WGN | 16 | 38 | 9 | 10 | Chang- | Believ- | Hap | Hap | Hillbill- | Matlock | Heist of Night |
| INSP | 17 | 83 | 28 | | Truths | Family | Jacobs | Robb T. | Hagee | Life | Feed |
| WKMU-PBS | 21 | 21 | 5 | 11 | Arthur | Clifford | Dragon | Caillou | Shrinks | Barney | Sesame Street |
| WOKA-WB | 22 | 16 | 10 | | Chapel | Sabrina | Sabrina | Paid | Paid | Believ- | Living |
| ESPN | 24 | 29 | 26 | 8 | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | SportsCenter |
| ESPN2 | 25 | 30 | 25 | | ESPN25: No. 1 | Cold Pizza (In Stereo Live) | | Cold Pizza (In Stereo) | | Series-Poker | |
| MTV | 26 | 49 | 27 | 24 | Wake Up | Mash- | Music Videos | TRL | | MTV Hits | Music Videos |
| TNT | 28 | 27 | 39 | 14 | The Pretender | Angel (In Stereo) | Charmed | ER (In Stereo) | ER (In Stereo) | Judging Amy | |
| TLC | 29 | 41 | 41 | | Save | Hi-5 | Peep | Todd- | Baby | Baby | Clean Sweep |
| LIFE | 30 | 52 | 31 | 31 | Fit Life | Workout | Sud- | Mad Abt. | Golden | Nanny | Golden |
| USA | 32 | 51 | 49 | 5 | Texas Ranger | Movie: *** "Beetlejuice" (1988) | | Nash Bridges | | The District | The District |
| AMC | 34 | 58 | 29 | | Movie | Movie: "Date With an Angel" | Movie: *** "Made in Heaven" (1987) | | Movie: *** "Hello Again" (1987) PG | | |
| A&E | 35 | 35 | 44 | 27 | Henry Ford | Movie: *** "Iris" (2001) Judi Dench. | Murder, She Wrote | Third Watch | | City Confidential | |
| FAM | 36 | 36 | 2 | | Spider | Digimon | Rangers | Bay- | So Little | Living | The 700 Club |
| NICK | 37 | 22 | 24 | 4 | Oddpar- | Neutron | Rugrats | Sponge | Dora | Blues- | Spider |
| HGTV | 43 | 36 | 18 | | Garden- | Solu- | TIPical | Quilts | Carol Duval | Room | Room |
| SPIKE | 44 | 33 | 30 | 23 | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | MacGyver | 7 Days | Deep Space 9 |
| WTBS | 52 | 26 | 21 | 13 | Saved- | Saved- | Movie: *** "Captain Ron" (1992) | | Dawson's Creek | Dawson's Creek | Saved- |
| TOON | 65 | 32 | 50 | | Jackie | Coden- | Ed, Edd | Mucha | Looney | Looney | Pokémon the Movie 2000: The Power |
| COURT | 66 | 61 | | | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Open Court | | Trial Heat |
| BET | 67 | 39 | | | (5:00) BET Morning Inspiration | | BET Start | | | | Next |
| CMTV | 70 | 34 | | | (5:00) CMT Music | | | | | | 106 & Park: Top 10 Live |
| HBO | 550 | 71 | 51 | | Alexan- | *** "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) PG-13 | Movie: *** "Biker Boyz" (2003) PG-13 | Rebels | Oakland | Iron Jawed Angels | |
| MAX | 765 | 72 | 54 | | Movie | Movie: *** "Sunset Boulevard" (1950) | The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen | Terminator 3: Machines | | | |
| SHOW | 700 | 73 | 52 | | Movie: *** "Time Out" (2001) Aurelio Recoling. | "For Those Who Think Young" *** "The Secret Life of Girls" Ghoules | | | | | |
| DISN | 78 | 31 | 57 | | Koala | Wiggles | Higgly | JoJo | Wiggles | Stanley Rolie | PBJ |
| FLIX | 706 | | | | Movie: *** "Five Guns West" | Movie: *** "Sam Whiskey" (1969) PG | Movie: *** "Kiss Me, Stupid" | | | | |
| HBO2 | 652 | | | | Movie: *** "Volcano" | Movie: *** "Gremlins" (1984) PG | Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat | Tracey | "National Security" | | |

| TUESDAY AFTERNOON | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | B | C | D | 12:00 | 12:30 | 1:00 | 1:30 | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 |
| WKRN-ABC | | | | All My Children | One Life to Live | General Hospital | Judy | Judy | News | News | News |
| WSIL-ABC | | | | All My Children | One Life to Live | General Hospital | Larry Elder | Montel Williams | News | ABC | News |
| WSMV-NBC | | | | News | News | Passions | Days of our Lives | Dr. Phil | Oprah Winfrey | News | NBC |
| WTVF-CBS | | | | Y & R | Talk of the Town | Bold | Guiding Light | As World Turns | News | Edition | News |
| WPSD-NBC | | | | Days of our Lives | Passions | Edition | TBA | Dr. Phil | Jeop- | Million- | News |
| WBBJ-ABC | | | | All My Children | One Life to Live | General Hospital | Dr. Phil | Oprah Winfrey | News | ABC | News |
| WNPT-PBS | | | | Virtues | Lions | Reading Cyber- | Shrinks | Zoboo | Dragon | Clifford | Maya |
| KBSI-Fox | | | | Brown | Brown | The 700 Club | Paid | Girl- | Maury | | Fear Factor |
| WQTV-UPN | | | | Paid | Paid | Enter- | Fine | Starting Over | Mak- | Mak- | Blind |
| KFVS-CBS | | | | News | Bold | As World Turns | Guiding Light | Ellen Show | Oprah Winfrey | News | CBS |
| WGN | | | | News (In Stereo) | Rockford Files | Magnum, P.I. | Home Videos | Cosby | Cosby | Hom- | Will |
| INSP | | | | Life | INSP | Inspir- | INSP | Inspir- | Mass | Reppies | Discov- |
| WKMU-PBS | | | | GED | Pre GED | Berens- | Shrinks | Zoom | Post- | Cyber- | Maya |
| WOKA-WB | | | | Life & Style (N) | Jerry Springer | Feud | Feud | Feud | Feud | Feud | Feud |
| ESPN | | | | NBA | NFL Moments | NFL's Greatest | NFL | 1st & 10 | NFL | Horn | Inter- |
| ESPN2 | | | | Series-Poker | Wire | Sports- | Style- | NHRA | Series-Poker | Series-Poker | Series-Poker |
| MTV | | | | Ozzfest | RealWri- | RealWri- | RealWri- | RealWri- | RealWri- | Boiling | Date |
| TNT | | | | Judging Amy | NYPD Blue | Law & Order | Law & Order | Angel "Blind Date" | | Charmed | Law & Order |
| TLC | | | | Pro- | Wed- | Baby | Baby | Mak- | Mak- | Trading Spaces | White You Out |
| LIFE | | | | Unsolved Myst. | Movie: "Silent Killer" (2004) Joe Lando. | Strong Medicine | Nanny | Nanny | Golden | Golden | "Born Into Exile" |
| USA | | | | JAG "Shakedown" | Movie: "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996) | Movie: "K-9: P.I." (2002, Comedy) | JAG (In Stereo) | Law & Order: SVU | | | |
| AMC | | | | Movie: *** "Some Kind of Wonderful" | Movie: *** "Dragnet" (1969, Mystery) | Movie: *** "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996) Alec Baldwin. | | | | | |
| A&E | | | | American Justice | Movie: *** "Iris" (2001) Judi Dench. | Murder-Wrote | Third Watch | City Confidential | American Justice | | |
| FAM | | | | Family | Family | Step | Step | Boy | Boy | FullHse | FullHse |
| NICK | | | | Back | Lazy | Thom- | Rocket | Rugrats | Oddpar- | Neutron | Sponge |
| HGTV | | | | Decorat- | Smart | Mission | Design | Design- | House | Outer | Walls |
| SPIKE | | | | Star Trek Gen. | Star Trek Gen. | MacGyver | Real TV | Real TV | Maximum Exp. | Police Videos | CSI: Crime Scn |
| WTBS | | | | Cosby | Yes | Yes | Yes | Drew | Drew | Drew | Hom- |
| TOON | | | | Looney | Looney | Power- | Dexter | Ed, Edd | Ed, Edd | Coden- | Ozzy |
| COURT | | | | Both Sides | Closing Arguments | | | | | Catherine Crier | NYPD Blue |
| BET | | | | BET Now | Student Center | Rap City: The Basement | | | | 106 & Park: Top 10 Live | BET |
| CMTV | | | | CMT Music | | | | | | Cowboy U | Cowboy |
| HBO | | | | Movie Iron Jawed | Movie: *** "Just Married" (2003) PG-13 | Last Letters | *** "Malibu's Most Wanted" | Movie: "The Saint" (1997) | | | |
| MAX | | | | Movie: *** "Identity" (2003) | Movie: *** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) R | Movie: *** "Seabiscuit" (2003) Tobey Maguire. | | | | | |
| SHOW | | | | Movie: Ghoules | Movie: *** "Flatliners" (1990) R | Movie: *** "The Hours" (2002) | | | | | |
| DISN | | | | JoJo | Stanley | Pooh | Mouse | Mouse | Recess | Lilo | Recess |
| FLIX | | | | Movie | Movie: *** "Black Girl" (1972) PG | Five on the Black Hand Side | Movie: *** "Five Guns West" | Movie: "Replicus" (1982) | | | |
| HBO2 | | | | Movie | Movie: *** "Firetrap" (2000) | Movie: *** "Hard Promises" (1991) | Movie: *** "This Is My Father" (1998) | *** "Analyze That" | | | |

| TUESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | B | C | D | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 |
| WKRN-ABC | | | | My Wife | Lopez | Jim | Rodney | NYPD Blue (N) | News | Friends | Friends |
| WSIL-ABC | | | | My Wife | Lopez | Jim | Rodney | NYPD Blue (N) | News | Nightline | Seinfeld |
| WSMV-NBC | | | | Christmas-Rock | The Biggest Loser | Law & Order: SVU | News | The Tonight Show | Late Night (In Stereo) | Last Call | Jimmy Kimmel Live |
| WTVF-CBS | | | | NCIS "Heart Break" | The Amazing Race 6 | Judging Amy (N) | News | The Tonight Show | Late Night (In Stereo) | Last Call | Jimmy Kimmel Live |
| WPSD-NBC | | | | Christmas-Rock | The Biggest Loser | Law & Order: SVU | News | The Tonight Show | Late Night (In Stereo) | Last Call | Jimmy Kimmel Live |
| WBBJ-ABC | | | | My Wife | Lopez | Jim | Rodney | NYPD Blue (N) | News | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live |
| WNPT-PBS | | | | Alone in the Wilderness | Roy Orbison & Friends | News | Household Concoctions | Wrinkle Cure | | | |
| KBSI-Fox | | | | Billionaire: Best | House (In Stereo) | 70s Show | Malcolm | Simp- | Frasier | King | Becker |
| WQTV-UPN | | | | All of Us | Eve (N) | Veronica Mars (N) | News | Friends | Oprah Winfrey | Entertain | Cheaters |
| KFVS-CBS | | | | NCIS "Heart Break" | The Amazing Race 6 | Judging Amy (N) | News | Late Show (In Stereo) | Friends | The Late Late Show | |
| WGN | | | | Movie: *** "Arthur" (1981) Dudley Moore. | WGN News at Nine | Becker | Becker | Home Delivery (N) | Justice | Street | |
| INSP | | | | Brkthgh | INSP | Your Day | Life | Today | Silas | Missions | Dukes |
| WKMU-PBS | | | | Media | Bookclub | Masterpiece Theatre "Pollyanna" (In Stereo) | News | Ky Life | GED | Folkways | Charlie Rose (N) |
| WOKA-WB | | | | Gilmore Girls (N) | One Tree Hill (N) | Judy | Judy | Willi | College Basketball: Tenn. Tech at Kentucky | Extra | |
| ESPN | | | | College Basketball | College Basketball: Michigan State at Duke. | SportsCenter (Live) | Outside | NFL Live | SportsCenter (Live) | | |
| ESPN2 | | | | College Basketball | College Basketball: Maryland at Wisconsin. | Streetball | Fastbreak | Streetball | NFL Live | NFL | |
| MTV | | | | TRL (TV) (In Stereo) | Real Wri | Real Wri | Real Wri | Laguna | Friend | Bam | 2004 MTV Europe Music Awards (In Stereo) |
| TNT | | | | Law & Order | Law & Order | To Be Announced | | | The X-Files | | The X-Files |
| TLC | | | | Overhaul'n (N) | Overhaul'n | Rides "Hammer" (N) | Overhaul'n | Overhaul'n | Rides "Hammer" | | |
| LIFE | | | | Movie: Born Into Exile | Movie: *** "Yesterday's Children" (2000) | Nanny | Golden | Nanny | Golden | Providence | |
| USA | | | | Law & Order: SVU | Movie: *** "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon. | Ghost Hunters | Law & Order: SVU | Beetle- | | | |
| AMC | | | | Movie: *** "A Civil Action" (1998) PG-13 | Movie: *** "City Hall" (1996, Drama) Al Pacino. R | Movie: "A Civil Action" (1998) | | | | | |
| A&E | | | | Blog: Rifkin | Cold Case Files | Dog | Dog | Crossing Jordan | Blog: Rifkin | Cold Case Files | |
| FAM | | | | Movie: "Richie Rich's Christmas Wish" (N) | Whose? | Whose? | The 700 Club | Fam. Mat. | Fam. Mat. | Paid | Paid |
| NICK | | | | Sponge | School | Father | Fresh Pr. | Fresh Pr. | Cosby | Rose- | Fresh Pr. |
| HGTV | | | | Year-Christmas | Decorat- | Design | Design- | Design- | House | Crafters | Year-Christmas |
| SPIKE | | | | CSI: Crime Scn | I Hate My Job (N) | Movie: *** "Bloodsport" (1988, Adventure) | Police Videos | Blind | Ship- | | |
| WTBS | | | | Real Gilligan | Real Gilligan | Sex & Sex | Real Gilligan | Real Gilligan | Movie: "Captain Ron" | | |
| TOON | | | | Ozzy | Yu-Gi-Oh! | Coden- | Mucha | Tn-Titans | Static | Futurama | Family |
| COURT | | | | The Investigators | Forensic | North | Mastrmn- | Caught | Evidence | Evidence | The Investigators |
| BET | | | | Parkers | Preshow | Source Awards 2004 (N) | News | BET Style | Midnight Love | Comicview | |
| CMTV | | | | Cmas-Cowboy | Shania's Top 20 Countdown | Shania Twain | Cmas-Cowboy | CMT Music | | | |
| HBO | | | | Movie | Movie: *** "Love Actually" (2003) R | Alexan- | The Wire (In Stereo) | Real Sex | Movie: *** "Point of No Return" | | |
| MAX | | | | *** "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" | Movie: *** "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) | Movie: "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" | | | | | |
| SHOW | | | | Movie: "Paradise" (2004) NR | Movie: "The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys" | Movie: *** "Narc" (2002) Ray Liotta. R | Lair-Worm | | | | |
| DISN | | | | Movie: "Right on Track" (2003, Drama) | Lizzie | Sister | Even | Boy | Proud | So Raven | Kim |
| FLIX | | | | Movie: *** "The" (1981) James Caan. R | Movie: *** "Glory" (1989, Drama) R | Movie: *** "When the Party's Over" (1992) | | | | | |
| HBO2 | | | | Movie: Analyze That | The Sopranos | Movie: *** "Volcano" (1997) PG-13 | Dr. Seuss-Cat | Real Sports | | | |

NBC Sports exec Ebersol, son survive deadly plane crash

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol and his college-aged son emerged from the fiery wreckage of a corporate jet after it crashed during takeoff and burst into flames, killing two crew members.

Rescuers were still searching for Ebersol's younger son, whose seat was missing from the smoldering ruins.

The 18-seat charter jet with six people on board crashed Sunday morning at Montrose Regional Airport in southwest Colorado, not far from the Telluride Ski Area. A heavy snowstorm had lightened up before the plane prepared to depart for South Bend, Ind., where Ebersol's son Charles is a senior at the University of Notre Dame.

A witness said the impact ripped the cockpit from the fuselage, and that Charles Ebersol helped his 57-year-old father to safety through the front of the plane.

A second son, 14-year-old Edward, was missing, Denver NBC affiliate KUSA-TV reported. The station said crews searched by helicopter and on the ground, but that even "Teddy" Ebersol's plane seat could not be found. A Montrose County Sheriff's spokeswoman said the boy had not been located by late Sunday.

The sheriff's office also said two people were killed in the crash, though their identities were not released. KUSA said the victims were the pilot and co-pilot. Hospital officials said three men were treated after the crash. Federal officials said the aircraft also had a flight attendant on board.

Ebersol's wife, actress Susan Saint James, was not on the plane, the station said. The family lives in Connecticut.

Eyewitness Chuck Distel told The Associated Press by phone that he was driving on a highway

parallel to the runway when he saw the plane skid sideways through a fence and brush before hitting a roadway that ripped the cockpit from the fuselage, leaving it an unrecognizable wreck. The Denver Post reported that the jet lifted off briefly before crashing.

Distel said Charles helped his father through the front of the plane and that the pair were walking around outside the wreckage as Distel and an airport official arrived. He said Ebersol didn't say a word as the younger man cried and yelled "Oh my God! Oh my God!"

"I had to think for a second, 'who are these people?'" he said. "They weren't severely injured, they were in shock." Distel said Charles was able to climb into an ambulance, while the elder Ebersol was loaded onto a stretcher.

The airport official yelled into the wreckage for survivors, but heard none. The wreckage left a burning trail of jet fuel and burst into flames, forcing Distel and other rescuers to get away.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Postpone signing any agreements, for now. Don't be surprised if someone you're counting on flakes out or misunderstands plans. Verify everything before acting on it. Don't stand on ceremony about a call or a problem with a friend. Tonight: Slam the door and don't answer calls at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your nerves might be a bit touchy, especially concerning the topics of money and love. How you handle this tension

could make all the difference. Talk openly about your feelings, and others will respond. If you have an important message, be serious rather than light during the discussion. Tonight: Think seriously about a problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Expenses could be more than you had anticipated. On the other hand, you have tremendous earning capacity. You also have the ability to structure a successful budget. Think in terms of the cup being half-full rather than half-empty. Tonight: Plan your holiday budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your instincts carry you over a problem. Your feelings about a child, new acquaintances or a love relationship are strong. You could feel overly responsible or too serious. Know that you can lighten up and be silly. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Your irritation emerges when dealing with those close to you. You might be better off going out for a jog or a walk. You might be too serious for your own good. Express your happiness with those close to you. Tonight: Hang out with favorite people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ A friend might be very serious or touchy. Your humor and efforts might fall on deaf ears. Realize that your Ruler goes retrograde today, and you could be out of sorts if you don't get the reactions you want. Tonight: Go shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Your serious side emerges when dealing with a boss or associates. Your good humor and willingness to get embroiled in a mess are two of your better characteristics. You don't mind a touch of chaos here and there. Tonight: Be as free as a bird.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You have what it takes

to get information and translate the facts in a way that others can absorb. You have an unusual ability to do research and get past rigidity, even your own. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail or write Christmas cards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your heartfelt efforts help a partner or loved one who is overly serious open up. Still, don't delude yourself about another's harsh words, or your own. You are sitting on a lot of anger. Partners and bosses could become flaky! Tonight: Quality time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Information heading your way could be wrong, whether it is from an expert, associates or a meeting. Right now, you need to verify information and do your own homework. Others seem very serious. Tonight: Count on yourself right now, but make an effort toward others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Someone might have made a promise that he or she cannot keep. Loosen up and be your positive, independent, cre-

ative self. You'll find solutions to complications. A child or loved one acts up in the next few weeks. Tonight: Get some R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might not believe what others are saying. In the next few weeks, develop a grain of skepticism. In the next few weeks, an old friend could return out of the blue. Relax with others, and be less judgmental. Tonight: Finish up a project.

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Meth makers going outside Ky. to get ingredients

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — A pair of Kentuckians looking to get ingredients for methamphetamine traveled to Atlanta, where they bought nearly 7,000 pills containing pseudoephedrine from a wholesaler, court documents said.

Now Dennis B. Cartwright, 51, and Vanessa Lynn Jennings, 25, are facing charges of criminal attempt to manufacture methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a methamphetamine precursor.

Police in Kentucky have found that since stricter laws regulating meth ingredients were passed, more and more people are traveling outside the state to gather ingredients to make the drug that has become an epidemic in rural western Kentucky.

Sgt. Brock Peterson, supervisor of the Owensboro Police Department's street crimes unit, said the ability of meth cooks to obtain pseudoephedrine from

nearby states is a significant problem.

"Basically, because other states don't have the methamphetamine problem we have, they don't know," Peterson said. "It's an ongoing battle."

Last year, nearly 300 meth labs were seized in Kentucky while 17 labs were seized in Georgia, according to Drug Enforcement Administration statistics.

Georgia's not the only state where users travel to get ingredients.

"We'll find receipts after transactions where people will make a circuit through southern Indiana," Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain said.

In 2002, Kentucky legislators passed strict laws regarding the sale and possession of pseudoephedrine. Buying five packages of cold medicine at a drug store in Kentucky could lead to felony charges for the customer and the clerk. Except for phar-

macists or distributors, possession of more than 24 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine was established as evidence of intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

Indiana is looking at taking similar measures. After that state's Methamphetamine Abuse Task Force issued a report late last month, Indiana state Rep. Trent Van Haaften proposed regulating the supply of over-the-counter cold medicines to crack down on methamphetamine production.

The proposal would require retailers to store cold medication behind the counter and require purchasers to provide valid photo identification and sign for the products. It also would limit the number a person could buy in a specific period of time.

In Tennessee, lawmakers have established a "meth watch" program, which is a voluntary program through which retailers are educated about the sale of

products commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine and encouraged to monitor the sale of those products.

Elizabeth Assey with the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, which sponsors the national Meth Watch program, said the program was modeled after one in Kansas and has now expanded to eight states.

"It's really about educating retailers, getting them involved with law enforcement, and helping the community understand," Assey said.

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Lestail doesn't work for psoriasis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have psoriasis and have tried your Lestail remedy without success. Aren't there any new formulations available that would help me?



Dr. Gott

By
Dr. Peter Gott

DEAR READER: The Lestail remedy was a bust. I passed on a reader's suggestion and invited replies from readers who tried it. The response was overwhelmingly negative, so — as promised — I wrote a retraction several weeks ago. This is simply a reminder.

With respect to your major concern, I have good news. The Food and Drug Administration has recently approved three new drugs for the treatment of psoriasis: Enbrel (etanercept), Amevive (alefacept) and Raptiva (efalizumab).

My consultants assure me that the market for the treatment of psoriasis has suddenly become very crowded. These new drugs hold great promise for treating psoriasis. Ask your dermatologist about this.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you advised a woman who was taking 11 prescription drugs to resolve the issue with her physician, when, in fact, the man is an idiot. Any junior high school chemistry student knows that the interactions of these drugs could be dangerous.

The whole medical profession is nothing but a bunch of drug pushers.

This woman needs a different doctor, preferably a veterinarian. The vet wouldn't give 11 different medications to an elephant, let alone a 150-pound woman.

DEAR READER: While I understand your frustration, I do not believe that your generalizations are apt or particularly useful. For example, many physicians are truly concerned about the problem of poly-pharmacy, the use of several medications at one time.

Second, I do urge patients to question their doctors and invite dialogue when prescriptions are given. This information is appropriate if drug interactions are a possibility.

Third, I cannot comment on your opinion of veterinarians except to say that perhaps the dose of some medications might have to be adjusted for an elephant. (Relax, I'm just spoofing.)

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been using red rice yeast for my elevated cholesterol levels, but recently read in your column that the effective ingredient is similar to Mevacor. Why won't my insurance company pay for this therapy?

DEAR READER: Because they are more concerned about the "bottom line" than they are about patient health. You're correct that red rice yeast contains the equivalent of a statin cholesterol-lowering drug. If it works for you, I see no reason why your insurance refuses to pay for it. Ask for a review and special consideration.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

'Date rape' is right name for frat-house assault

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old daughter went to a party at a frat house where she was given a great deal to drink. Feeling "woozy," she went outside. One of the "boys" she had been talking to went with her and suggested she go back to his room to lie down. She had known this fellow before that night and trusted him. She was drunk, and he had sex with her. It was her first time. She claims she tried to make him stop, but he wouldn't, and she couldn't make him.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Shouldn't the young man be punished in some way? I feel something should be done, and I also worry about him doing this to some other girl. Would this constitute date rape? -- **CONFUSED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR CONFUSED: You're darn right it was date rape. And the "something" you should do is call the nearest rape crisis center and get help for your daughter. You should also inform the police. I'm sure they'll be interested to know that minors are being given alcohol and taken advantage of at that fraternity house, as well as the name of the man who assaulted your daughter. You're absolutely correct that he's likely to do it again.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Howie" for a year. I love him and want to spend my life with him, but there's a problem. Women are attracted to Howie like bees to honey. Women come on to him even though he tells them he's in a serious relationship. Should I look the other way when they start up? Yes, Howie does talk to them, but he is just a friendly guy.

How should I handle it? -- **UNCOMFORTABLE**

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: If you and Howie didn't have something special, you wouldn't have lasted as a couple. Short of throwing a bag over your boyfriend's head, there is no way to make him less attractive. However, if your "friendly guy" leaves you to fend for yourself all evening, that's considered bad manners -- and you would be within your rights to let him know it.

DEAR ABBY: I recently went through a difficult two-year divorce from "Jayson" after 10 years of marriage. My former mother-in-law, "Violet," now insists that I return the china that Jayson and I received during the marriage. I always thought a gift was just that -- a gift.

Violet insists that the china be returned. She says it wasn't from "my" family. I say it WAS my family -- for 10 years. You see, Abby, Jayson left me. I was trying to work on our problems, but he wanted out. Now Violet is calling me a martyr and saying I have no right to the china.

I have informed Jayson and his mother-from-hell that the china is boxed and in storage, and that I'm saving it for our son. Am I wrong? -- **FURIOUS IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR FURIOUS: When your son and his future bride are ready to set up a household, they'll want to select their own china. If the china has been in your husband's family for generations, return it. If that's not the case, offer to let your former mother-in-law BUY it back.

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LookingBack

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Murray High School Tigers won 38-15 over Harrodsburg in a football game there to advance to the finals for the game with Beechwood at Louisville.

Births reported include a girl to Carolyn and John Wood and a boy to Lori and John Parker, Nov. 22.

20 years ago
Published is a picture of Alice McDonald, Kentucky superintendent of public instruction, talking with Robert Glin Jeffrey, Murray City School superintendent, and Jack Rose, Calloway County School superintendent, while she was in Murray for the Kentucky School Board meeting held at Murray High School.

The third annual Christmas Village will be at West Kentucky Exposition Center Dec. 1-2, sponsored by Alpha Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Shuler, Nov. 11.

30 years ago
The annual community-wide Thanksgiving service was Nov. 27 at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Bill Hart, pastor of Goshen and Lynn Grove United Methodist Churches, was the speaker.

Calloway County School Board sold the Lynn Grove School building and grounds to Kenton Miller for \$14,000 and the Faxon School building and grounds to James Futrell for \$10,000, at a public auction Nov. 24, according to Supt. William B. Miller.

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TodayInHistory

By the Associated Press
Today is Monday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2004. There are 32 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1964, the U.S. Roman Catholic Church instituted sweeping changes in the liturgy, including the use of English instead of Latin.

On this date:
In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd radioed that he'd made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

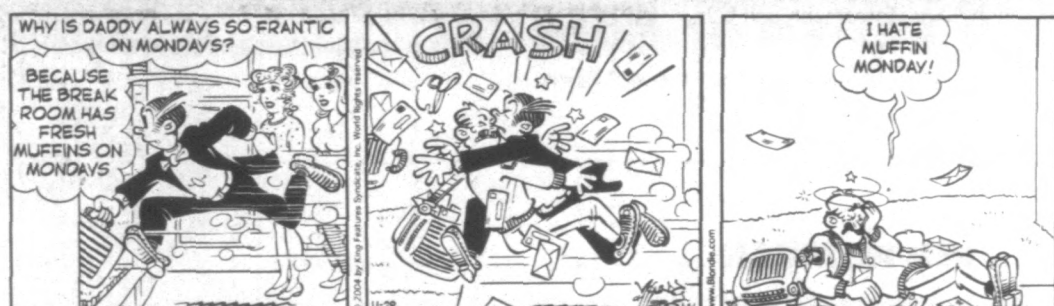
In 2001, former Beatle George Harrison died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Five years ago: Protestant and Catholic adversaries formed an extraordinary Northern Ireland government designed to bring together every branch of opinion within the bitterly divided society.

One year ago: Gunmen in Iraq ambushed and killed two Japanese diplomats; seven members of Spain's military intelligence agency were killed in Mahmuhiyah.

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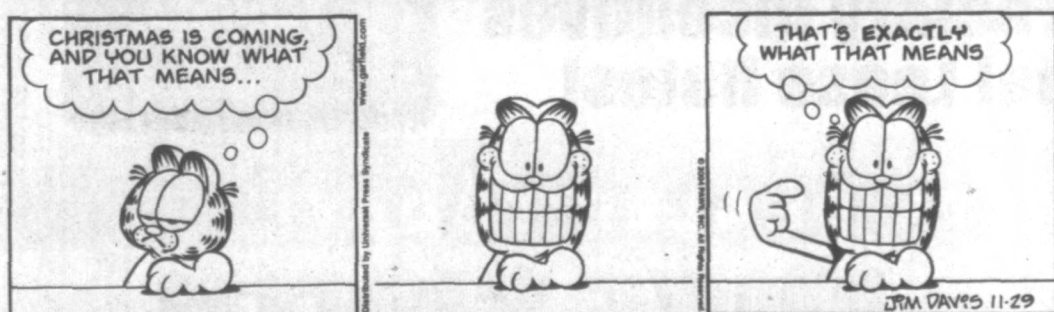
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| East dealer. North-South vulnerable. | | | |
| NORTH | | | |
| ♦ QJ8 | | | |
| ♥ A J 9 6 5 | | | |
| ♠ K 8 2 | | | |
| ♣ A Q | | | |
| EAST | | | |
| ♦ 7 6 5 2 | | | |
| ♥ K 4 3 2 | | | |
| ♠ J 5 3 | | | |
| ♣ K 10 | | | |
| SOUTH | | | |
| ♦ A K 10 9 | | | |
| ♥ — | | | |
| ♠ A 9 7 | | | |
| ♣ J 9 8 6 3 2 | | | |

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2♦ Pass 2♦
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♥
Pass 3NT Pass 4♦
Pass 4♦ Pass 4NT
Pass 5♦ Pass 5♥
Dble Redble Pass 5♣
Dble 5NT Pass 7♦
Opening lead — two of hearts.

This is one of the most fascinating hands ever played in the annual world bridge championship. The year was 1975, the match was played in Bermuda, and the finalists were Italy and the United States.

The setting was very dramatic. The United States had taken a com-

manding lead of 75 International Match Points at the halfway point of the 96-board match. But over the next 48 boards, the Italians steadily chipped away, and by the time this hand — Deal No. 92 — arose, they had taken a slight lead.

The U.S. North-South pair at the first table had bid six notrump and made seven for a score of 1,470 points. But at the second table, with a huge audience watching on Vugraph and television, Italian stars Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna had a bidding misunderstanding and wound up in a grand slam in clubs where the odds were about 7-to-1 against making it.

Belladonna ruffed the heart lead and returned a trump, on which Eddie Kantar, West, played the ten and dummy the queen. After the finesse succeeded, Belladonna cashed the ace, and when West's king fell, those watching on television were witness to perhaps the broadest and happiest smile ever seen in the long history of bridge.

As a result of making the grand slam, Italy won the world championship that year. The Italians scored heavily at the critical moment because of a bidding blunder, and so defeated their closest rivals for bridge supremacy — the United States.

Crosswords

ACROSS

- Pull candy
- Geisha's home
- Burrito kin
- Necessitate
- Just slightly (2 wds.)
- Iota preceider
- Musical note
- Wolf Man portrayer
- They exist
- Inc. cousin
- Aid (drink mix)
- Lady's title
- Sudden foray
- Remove from office
- Delhi coin
- Gold Rush st.
- Ma Bell
- Objective
- Freight carrier
- Alpaca kin
- Tingly
- North Woods roamers

- Haze
- Clys.
- Gigantic bird of myth
- River bottom
- Horse's morsel
- Elec. meas.
- Fiesta dip
- Beige
- Pick out
- Suffocating snake
- Quays
- Pick up the tab

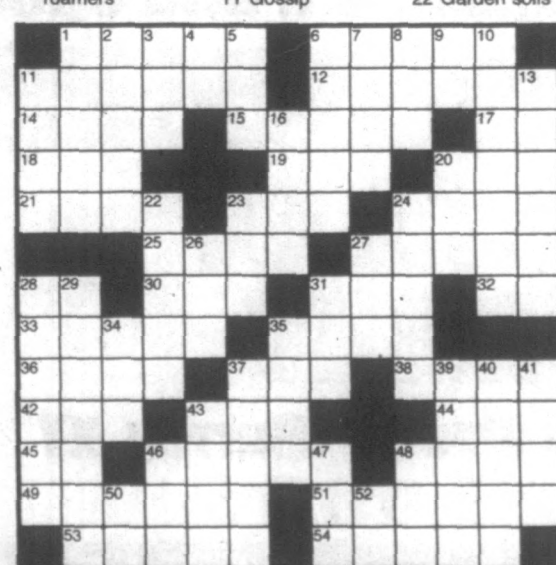
DOWN

- Forbidden
- Acid in proteins
- Frying medium
- Gulf st.
- Still
- Catcalls
- Feed the kitty
- Grade-school org.
- Shoe width
- More clever
- Gossip

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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| CAD | IDLE | CHUG |
| AGE | SWAN | LOGE |
| RUM | RAID | ECHO |
| LEOPARD | JR | |
| REF | VIKING | |
| MEDAL | YAM | VIA |
| EXAM | OAT | FACT |
| GEM | VIP | ERNES |
| ASSAIL | IDA | |
| OM | ANGULAR | |
| BLUR | MIDI | USE |
| RANT | EDIE | CHI |
| ASIA | WEAR | YEN |

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