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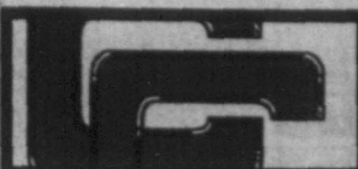
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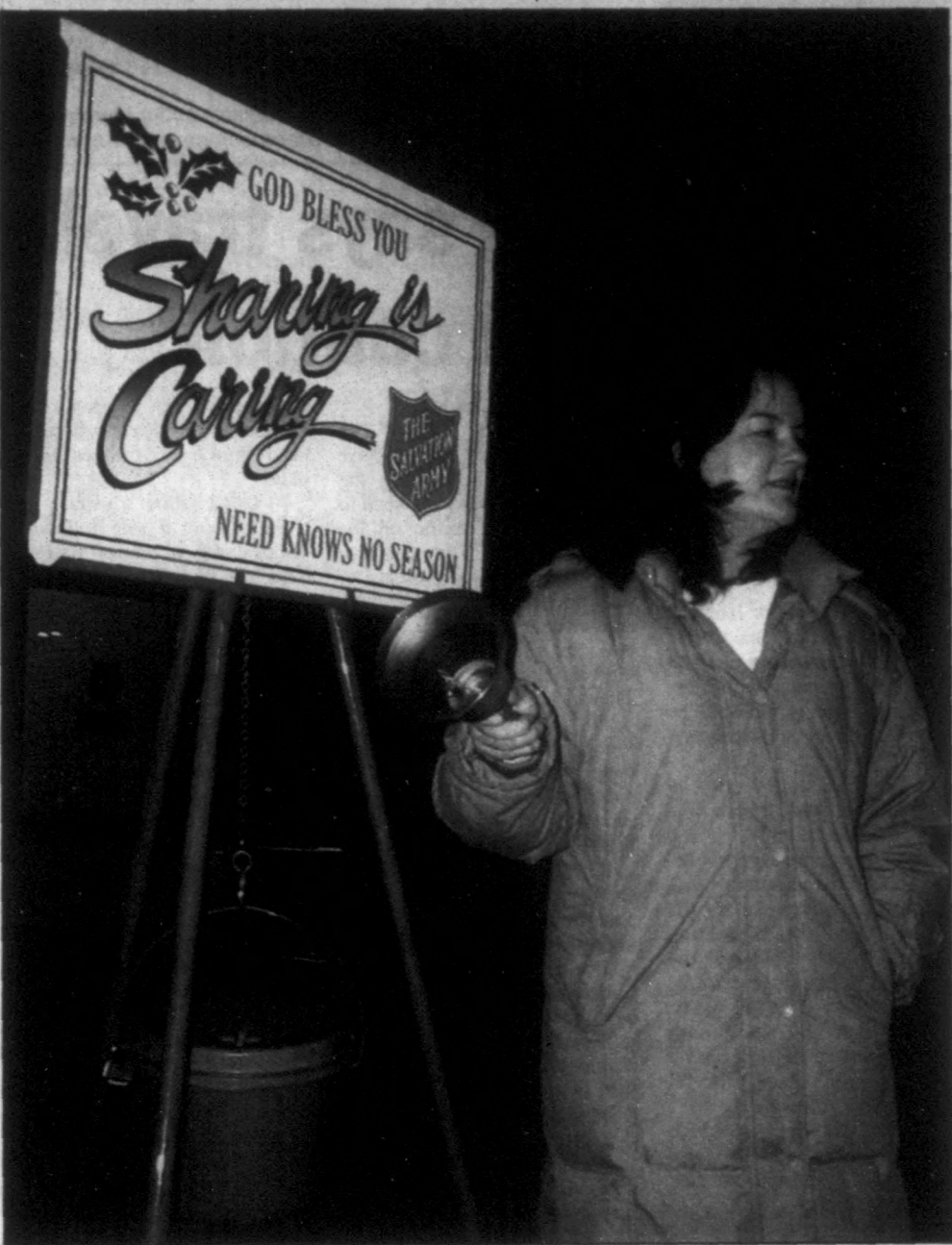
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Murray resident Jimmie Joyce, a Salvation Army volunteer, rings the bell to collect donations for the needy in Murray and Calloway County at Wal-Mart Wednesday evening. To the surprise of SA officials, an anonymous donor placed two silver and gold coins wrapped in a \$100 bill into one of the organization's kettles earlier this week.

Bell ringers, Need Line get quite a Christmas gift

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

It wasn't the gift of the Magi, but Salvation Army volunteers in Murray were recently pleased and very surprised when two authentic silver and gold coins wrapped in a \$100 bill were found inside one of the organization's donation kettles.

Kerry Lambert, a Salvation Army representative in Murray who is also director of pastoral care at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, said Wednesday afternoon that the gift was found while Pat Latimer, Barbara Hendon and other volunteers were counting the day's collections at Murray's Need Line office.

"I didn't see it because I wasn't counting money that particular night, but what somebody had done was take a \$100 bill and wrap it around the two coins that were inside those coin protectors that collectors use and dropped it into the bucket," Lambert said.

Latimer later called a coin shop in Paducah and discovered that the \$5 Canadian gold Maple Leaf coin was worth about \$150 and the silver coin,

which was actually a one troy-ounce silver piece and not a coin, was worth about \$12 to \$15.

"That's a gift in the \$250 to \$275 range. It's meaningful for us," Lambert said, pointing out that it was one of the most unexpected gifts he has ever encountered in the years he has been involved with Salvation Army collections.

"I've done this for 14 years and that's really the most unusual gift we have ever received," Lambert said. "We get a lot of foreign coins from time to time that that people drop in and probably aren't worth much, but as long as I've been doing it this has been the most meaningful."

It is not certain exactly when or where the donation was made, but Lambert and Latimer said the volunteers would like for the donor to know that their gift was received with thanksgiving.

"We were very excited with the donation and the unique way it was given," Latimer said. "Obviously the donor wanted to remain anonymous, but I thought he or she might like to know

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Dr. Jones honored by MCCH for dedication

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Mayor Tom Rushing summed up Dr. Conrad Jones' medical career as the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees recognized the physician for his dedication to the community.

"When we mention babies being born, we mention Dr. Jones," Rushing said.

And the hospital board wants the community to continue thinking like that.

The trustees unanimously approved honoring Jones by naming the new labor and delivery suite in the Women's

Pavilion at MCCH, which is expected to open at the beginning of February in what used to be the hospital's long-term care unit, after the founder of Murray Women's Clinic.

"This has caught me completely flabbergasted," Jones said. "... I thank you for a honor I question whether I deserve, but I appreciate it."

Jones started the clinic after coming to Murray in January 1950 with a vision he's now seeing fulfilled. The clinic is the state's largest obstetrics/gynecology practice outside the university groups in Louisville and Lexington. With the hospital

expansion including a designated area for women's health, Jones said his dream is being furthered even more.

An open house of the Women's Pavilion is being planned for next month.

"I came to Murray with a dream, and I think a few of us live to realize their dream completely fulfilled," Jones said.

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Hospital board addresses Stark Law violations, issues

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Twenty-one months after violations of federal law that governs financial relationships between physicians and a healthcare organization became public,

Murray-Calloway County Hospital is moving forward with what is a minimum penalty.

Hospital CEO Keith Bailey and MCCH Board of Trustees chairman Jack Rose executed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Service's Office of Inspector General regarding the hospital's self-reported Stark Law violations and other federal compliance issues. The board authorized them to do so at its November meeting.

The lack of lease agreements with physicians in the Medical Arts Building and the shortage of documentation of business transactions violated the Stark Law, which aims to prevent fraud and abuse.

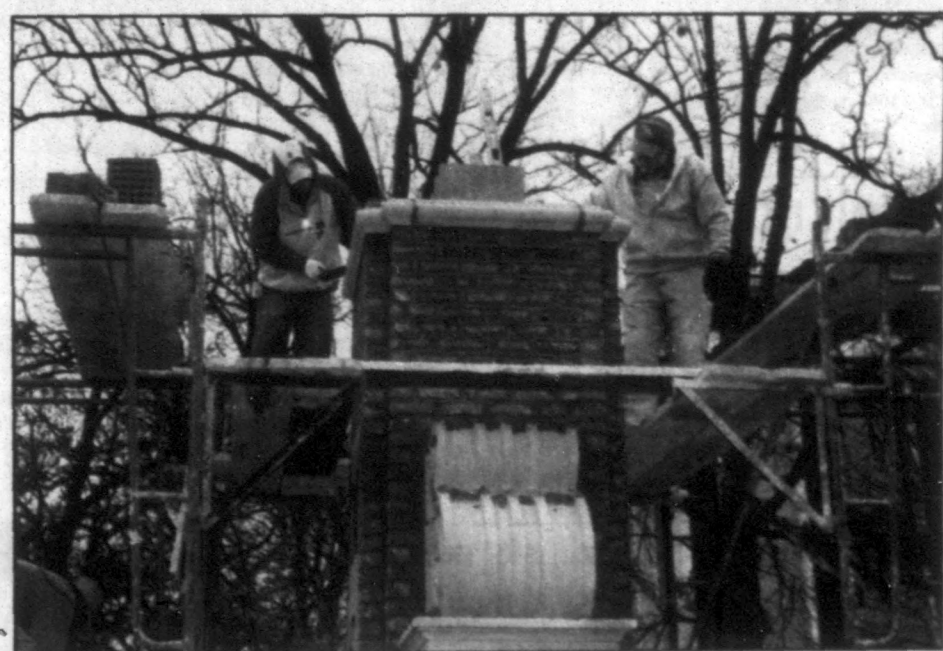
Bailey was brief with updating the Board of Trustees on the

issue during Wednesday's meeting.

"We have executed that agreement, so that's what I'd like to report," Bailey said. "... We'll just move ahead with implementation of the requirements of that agreement."

In an interview with the *Ledger & Times* after the meeting, Bailey said requirements of the agreement included paying a \$175,000 fine — which is far less than what could have been

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TOPS IN THEIR LINE OF WORK: A crew from Whit-Cor Masonry, Industrial Road in Murray, carefully works at the top of a new brick column at Main and 15th streets. The intersection at the southeast corner of the Murray State University campus was recently reworked and the new column has now been added. Above, Randy Evans (left) and Bobby Colson lay brick in preparation for the final cap.

Murray BZA hear, rule on pair of conditional use permits at meeting

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Conditional use permits pertain to a variety of business and situations. Just as the Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments that spent a great deal of time discussing a couple during its meeting Wednesday.

The BZA reviewed an existing permit to allow outdoor storage at Orscheln Farm and Home Store then considered granting

permission for Chong Kim to operate an on-site seamstress business and an off-site permanent make-up from her 1502 Sycamore St. house.

The board outlined a plan for Orscheln's to continue cleaning up its outdoor storage that has expanded beyond what is permitted and then approved Kim's request as long as she doesn't put up a business sign.

Both items were approved

unanimously by chairman Bill Whitaker and members Michael Jordan, Scott Seiber and Helen Spann. Members Andy Dunn, Darren Jones and Ed Davis were absent.

Kim's businesses would have limited traffic as customers dropped for clothing for alterations or other items related to her seamstress work. She would also use her home as an office for her permanent make-up

business that would take her to clients' homes to perform the work.

In July 2004, Kim applied for a similar home occupation permit, but that request involved performing the permanent make-up on clients in her home.

One of the points Kim made to the board was that on Sundays she cooks for 20-30 international college students who come to her house —

something that creates more traffic than her seamstress business would.

Mary Ann Russell, who lives across the street at 1503 Sycamore St., expressed concerns that having one business in the neighborhood would create a domino effect.

"It was our feeling that one sign placed in the yard would open it up to other businesses and our neighborhood would be

gone," Russell said on behalf of a few neighbors. "One sign affects the integrity of our neighborhood."

Seiber asked Russell if not allowing Kim to have a sign designating the residential property as including a business would help the situation.

"That's something that could

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Blizzard shuts down Denver

DENVER (AP) — The Denver area was motionless for a second day today. City streets were empty, nothing but stranded travelers moved at the airport, long stretches of highway were impassable, even the mail couldn't get through after a powerful blizzard dumped 2 feet of snow on the region.

"It feels like I'm a refugee," said Lisa Maurer, a University of Wyoming student who was stuck at the Denver airport as she tried to make her way home to Germany.

Some 4,700 people hunkered down with her overnight at Denver International Airport after all flights there were canceled. The runways weren't likely to reopen until Thursday night, airport spokesman Steve Snyder said.

More than 30 inches of snow fell in the mountains and up to 2 feet fell in the Denver metro area Wednesday and early Thursday.

Denver, Colorado Springs and other cities along the Rocky Mountain Front Range were virtual ghost towns after workers slipped and slid their way home on Wednesday and stayed there.

The wind-whipped snow was finally expected to taper off in Colorado on Thursday afternoon. To the east, warmer temperatures meant even Chicago was only forecast to get heavy rain as the storm moved through.

In Colorado's socked-in eastern half, though, few travelers were going anywhere Thursday morning. The Colorado Springs airport reopened and some airlines were flying, but getting there was nearly impossible.

Bus and light rail service in a six-county region around Denver was suspended. The State Patrol reported a rash of collisions but no fatalities.

Gov. Bill Owens declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard, which assisted dozens of motorists on the highways around Denver and delivered diapers, formula and bottled water to the airport.

Long stretches of Interstates 70 and 25, the main east-west



John, left, and Summer Cox, of Wilmington, Ill., rest on a Denver International Airport baggage carousel while they wait out the storm that closed the airport Wednesday in Denver.

and north-south routes through the Mountain West, were closed. Interstate 76 was closed from Denver to Nebraska.

"They pulled everyone off the highway," said Leon Medina, manager of a truck stop on Interstate 25 in Walsenburg, about 130 miles south of Denver. "Cars are all around the building. Trucks are all over, trucks and cars pulled into ditches."

At least 270 people took refuge at seven American Red Cross shelters in the Denver area and the number was expected to rise as motorists arrived by the busload early Thursday, said Robert Thompson, spokesman for the Mile High chapter.

"It's just amazing how many people are still out there," Thompson said.

Shelters also opened in Fort Collins and Colorado Springs, and the Red Cross provided 140 cots for nearly 350 people stranded at a Greyhound bus station in downtown Denver, Thompson said.

Weather Service program manager Byron Louis said it was the most powerful storm to hit Colorado since March 2003,

when a massive blizzard dumped up to 11 feet of snow and was blamed for at least six deaths.

Major malls closed early Wednesday. One, Flatirons Crossing Mall in Broomfield, northwest of Denver, offered warmth for motorists stranded along U.S. 36, the major link between Denver and Boulder.

Mail service was canceled in the eastern half of the state because roads were impassable for mail carriers getting to work and for trucks delivering mail four days before Christmas.

"We don't want to take the risk of clogging up the system just by being out there," said Al DeSarro, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman in Denver. "We're considering delivering on Sunday to make up for what's sure to be a backlog of mail."

Denver International Airport closed to all flights at mid-afternoon Wednesday. More than 1,000 flights were canceled through Thursday. United Airlines canceled more than 670 flights into Denver, plus 160 that had been scheduled to take off before noon on Thursday. Frontier Airlines canceled up to 190 flights.

"I'm just happy to be alive. It was a terrifying drive," Sara Kelton said of her two-hour crawl over slick, snow-clogged roads to get to the airport.

Thirteen hours after he left his Denver office for a bus ride home to Boulder, Alan Barr was stuck at a Red Cross shelter in Denver, barely closer to home than when he left for work.

His bus left hours late and then had to turn back. He trudged into the shelter at about 12:25 a.m. Thursday with other discouraged riders but said he had not given up on the bus system.

"Days like today are an exception," he said. "I believe in public transportation."

Commuters on several buses had similar experiences, said Scott Reed, spokesman for the Regional Transportation District, which operates the buses and light rail system for the six-county Denver metro area. "Most of the buses weren't stuck in snow, there was just no traffic moving," Reed said. "It was absolute gridlock."

Public transit service, which was suspended Wednesday, was not expected to resume until late today at the earliest.

SheriffPoliceFireLogs

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

• Extra patrol was requested at 7:39 a.m. Tuesday after a caller from Swift Road reported a possible prowler the day before.

• Pella had a gas leak that it reported to Murray Police Department at 7:21 p.m. Tuesday. MPD requested Calloway County Fire-Rescue check the building for gas. Murray Municipal Utilities also was notified and approved allowing employees to return to the building.

Murray Police Department

• Four Murray residents were arrested after officers searched a Michelle Drive apartment on Monday afternoon. Officers responded to 1410-A Michelle Dr. after a caller reported a subject passed out at 1:58 p.m. Nickelle Rosenberg, 21; Jonathan Frank, 21; Joe Ferguson, 25; and Lettie Peek, 21, were each charged with trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia. The charges are enhanced because they also were in possession of firearms.

• The Tanglewood Apartments office was reported burglarized at 5:49 p.m. Tuesday.

— Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

KSP says travel with caution

Special to the Ledger

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky State Police advise motorists traveling during the upcoming Christmas weekend to expect increased traffic on the state's roadways. They can also expect the increased presence of state troopers and their local law enforcement partners beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Monday.

"In addition to thousands of residents making in-state trips, there will be large numbers of out-of-state visitors and motorists traveling through the state," KSP Commissioner Jack Adams said. "This situation will bring crowded conditions that could potentially have a dangerous impact on highway travel."

During last year's three-day Christmas holiday period, there were 922 motor vehicle crashes in Kentucky resulting in eight deaths and 377 injuries. Ninety-five of those crashes involved alcohol-impaired drivers.

"The real tragedy of these statistics is that they are preventable," Adams said. "Road safety is no accident. As responsible citizens, we have a duty to act in a manner that protects our fellow citizens as well as visitors traveling through the state. No one wants the holidays to be a time of family tragedy and suffering."

According to KSP Lt. Phil Crumpton following proven safety procedures and behaviors can greatly increase the chances of avoiding or surviving a vehicle crash. "Speed, visibility, inattention, not using seat belts, impaired driving and bad judgement are some of the major factors contributing to fatalities and injuries resulting from vehicle crashes," he says. "However, there are specific actions drivers can take to reduce their risk."

The KSP recommends the following:

—Wear a seat belt and make sure all passengers do as well, including children. It's your best defense in a vehicle crash. Infants should be secured in a child safety restraint seat that meets federal standards. As of Dec. 17, 872 people have lost their lives on Kentucky highways during 2006. Four-hundred-and-sixty-eight of those fatalities were not wearing seat belts.

During a crash, violent forces of deceleration are created. Seat belts distribute these forces over larger and stronger parts of the body such as the chest, hips and shoulders. The seat belt also stretches slightly to slow the body down and increase its stopping distance. The difference in stopping distances for a belted person and an unbelted person is significant. It's often the distance between life and death.

—Slow down and obey speed limits. The higher the speed of the vehicle, the less time the driver has to stop and avoid a crash. Excessive speed also contributes to severity of impact when a collision does occur.

—Don't drive after using alcohol or drugs. Kentucky has a zero tolerance policy regarding driving while impaired by alcohol. Operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .08 will result in an immediate arrest even for first time offenders. There are no warnings. According to the National Safety Council, someone dies in an alcohol-related crash every 30 minutes. It's a factor in six percent of all vehicle crashes and more than 40 percent of all fatal crashes.

—Wear a protective helmet when operating a motorcycle. According to the World Health

Organization, not wearing a helmet makes the odds of suffering a head injury three times more likely.

—Don't follow a vehicle too closely. Keep a safe following distance. Allow yourself room to maneuver or brake by keeping a safety cushion on all sides of the vehicle.

—Turn on your lights. This makes it easier for other drivers to see you. Being seen is just as important as seeing.

—When stopped at a traffic light, take one more look before proceeding when the light turns green. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, red light running is on the rise nationwide. Many drivers consider a yellow light as a last chance to get through an intersection rather than a caution signal.

—Take extra care when driving at night. Traffic deaths are three times greater at night than during the day. Ninety percent of a driver's reaction depends on vision and vision is severely limited at night. Reduce your speed and increase your following distances.

—Drive defensively. Steer clear of trouble — expect bad decisions by other drivers. Never assume that other drivers will make the right decision. Be ready to react. Always expect the worst-case scenario and have a plan or escape route in mind.

Watch out for other drivers who weave, straddle the center line, make wide turns, stop suddenly or respond slowly to traffic signals. They may be impaired by drugs or alcohol. Notify police immediately if you see a motorist driving suspiciously. (You can contact the Kentucky State Police toll free at 1-800-222-5555.)

—Use good judgement-just because you can, doesn't mean you should. Every day thousands of drivers do things on the road simply because they can, even though they shouldn't. More than 90 percent of crashes are caused by driver error. The most common traffic violations include exceeding the speed limit, rolling through stop signs, failing to use signals, running red lights, making illegal U-turns, passing on the right, failing to yield to pedestrians and driving while impaired by alcohol.

—Get plenty of rest before a long trip. Fatigue can be a killer. Don't start a long trip late in the day. Don't drive alone. Adjust temperature controls to keep yourself awake and alert. Watch your posture. Drive with your head up and shoulders back. Take frequent breaks, at least every two hours.

—Anticipate. Look far down the road. Learn to spot problems and avoid them before they happen. Roadway clues can often help to avoid a crash. Keep your windows, mirrors and lights clean and free from snow, ice, dew and frost. Check your mirrors frequently. Watch for brake, reverse and hazard lights. Be aware of emergency vehicle flashing lights and listen for sirens. All of these can indicate trouble ahead.

—Stay alert and focused-no one is crash-proof. Drowsy driving causes more than 100,000 crashes each year, resulting in 40,000 injuries and 1,500 deaths. Aggressive driving is a factor in approximately 66 percent of all traffic fatalities. Distracted driving accounts for 25 to 30 percent of all crashes. Be attentive to the task at hand-driving. Staying alert and focused can help you avoid a crash.

Conditional ...

From Front

change my mind," Russell said. "... What goes on in that house when there's no sign is none of my business. It's the placement of a sign that could inspire other people."

With the approval, customers visiting Kim's house have to pull out onto 15th Street rather than onto the busy Sycamore Street from the circle driveway.

"If this application weren't being made, you'd be hard pressed to tell it was going on. A car pulls up, someone goes in,

they talk about sewing," Seiber said. "... I'm not a seamstress, but I don't think you can generate enough traffic (to have a problem)."

Meanwhile, the board reviewed the conditional use permit Orscheln Farm and Home Store was granted in

February 1998 for outdoor storage to occupy 20 parking places. The requirements included expanding fencing to 69 feet to the south and designate a 20 1/2-foot fire lane. Fabric screening also was placed on top of the front wall and the outdoor storage was to be kept in an organized manner.

But since then, the merchandise has expanded beyond the permitted section and sometimes into the fire lane on the south side of the building.

Manager Eric Mitcheson wasn't at the meeting, but Planning Assistant Peyton Mastera said City Planner Candace Dowdy had talked with him a few times in the last couple of months.

"It was supposed to be seasonal, and it's gotten to be a year-around usage," said David Roberts, the city's planning and engineering director. "We've been working with them so long ... it was time to address it from a formal standpoint outside our office to go back to the board for review. They seem to be coming into compliance, but they still have a ways to go."

The board decided to write Mitcheson a letter outlining the original agreement and telling him about the process to change the conditional use permit.

Bell ringers ...

From Front

how much the generous gift was appreciated."

The two coins will be sold and the cash will be used by the Salvation Army in its effort to assist the needy in Murray-Calloway County this Christmas season.

Tonia Casey, executive director of Need Line, said she was excited by the gift.

"That was really something for them to do it like that. That was so exciting," she said.

Casey said the Salvation Army Board of Directors provided Need Line with about \$2,500 this year.

"We usually buy the meat with that money, but this year we bought certificates to help the families during Christmas," she said.

City sanitation dept. adjusts pickup schedule for Christmas, New Year's

Special to the Ledger

With the upcoming holidays, the City of Murray sanitation department will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

During those two holiday weeks, sanitation officials are asking customers who are scheduled for garbage pickup on those Mondays to set their trash out on the Tuesday morn-

ings. All other customers should set out their curbside containers on their normal pickup day.

Some pickup routes may run later than usual.

The Murray Transfer Station will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Any residents with questions should call 762-0380.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ A Calloway County Fiscal Court meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today at the Weaks Community Center. The agenda includes consideration of an agreement regarding an electronic waste collection project, board appointments and public comment among regular monthly business.

■ To report a Town Crier item, call 753-1916.

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Boy, 7, shot by cousin, 9, who mistook gun for a toy

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A 7-year-old central Kentucky boy was accidentally shot by a cousin Wednesday, authorities said.

Caleb Arnold, 7, and Andrew Seat, 9, were playing at their grandparents' house in Jeffersonville, about 35 miles east of Lexington, when they found a gun under the bed, Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy Robbie Miles told the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"They were playing cops and robbers," Miles said.

Andrew pointed a handgun at Caleb and pulled the trigger, Miles said. The bullet tore through the right side of Caleb's neck and out the middle of his back.

Their grandmother, who was in another area of the home and heard the shot, came running into the bedroom and rushed Arnold to a Mount Sterling hospital just after noon. He was flown to the University of Kentucky Hospital, where he was in critical condition Wednesday night, a hospital spokeswoman said.

No charges were expected to be filed, Miles said. He did not release the names of the boys' grandparents.

Miles said the grandparents typically keep the gun in a secure place, but had taken it out the night before because of the suspicious behavior of a stranger who knocked on their door.

"When he went to work Wednesday, he forgot to put the gun back," Miles said.

"It was a mistake that happened," Miles said.

Panel appointed to investigate destruction of court records

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A five-member panel will investigate the destruction of court records in Jefferson County that prosecutors and judges say could harm the administration of justice.

The panel is charged with finding out why the records were destroyed and whether any of the information is salvageable, said Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert. On Wednesday, Lambert appointed the group, headed by Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Wine.

"It may well have been that significant mistakes were made," Lambert said. "At this point, we don't know how big the problem is. Once we know, we'll fix it."

The misdemeanor records, paper, microfilm and microfiche, were all at least five years old and were hauled away from the Jefferson County Courthouse on Nov. 29. All the records have since been destroyed. Electronic records of old misdemeanor convictions also have been purged from the state court computer system.

Prosecutors said the purge wipes clean the slate of many people. Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney David Stengel said the destruction leaves prosecutors without key pieces of information for use at sentencing and bond hearings, as well as trials.

The records were destroyed under a statewide document-retention policy that was amended last year to include electronic records. The policy is designed to free up space and save money on storage costs, but previously it only called for paper court files to be destroyed after five years.

Eastern Kentucky man charged with dumping sewage in river

HAGERHILL, Ky. (AP) — An eastern Kentucky man was indicted by a Franklin County grand jury Wednesday on a charge of dumping untreated sewage into the Big Sandy River.

The Kentucky Bureau of Investigation arrested Dave Bowling, 59, of Hagerhill, on Tuesday on a felony charge of dumping a load of sewage into the river less than a mile away from the Paintsville water intake. Vicki Glass, spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office, said in a press release that agents from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection assisted in a six-month investigation that preceded the arrest.

Bowling is accused of collecting raw sewage from commercial and private septic systems in Johnson, Floyd and Martin counties and dumping it into the stream.

Glass alleged that agents saw Bowling dumping sewage from an 8,500-gallon tanker into a drain leading to the stream.

Dumping sewage is a felony punishable by one to five years in prison and a \$25,000 fine, she said.

Kentucky, other coal producing states to get funding boon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed legislation Wednesday that gives billions of dollars to coal-producing states to clean up hazardous abandoned coal mines and pay for health care for retired miners.

His signature ends a long fight that has pitted coal-producing states against each other over the best use of funds collected for the nation's coal mine reclamation program.

Coal-producing states, including Kentucky, will get an estimated \$6.3 billion for abandoned mine cleanup and another \$1.6 billion to pay for health care for retired miners who worked for coal companies that no longer exist, according to the federal Office of Surface Mining. The money will be distributed from 2007 to 2025.

The bill, part of a sweeping tax bill, renews the abandoned mines land reclamation program that was created in 1977.

The program is based on a per-ton fee that coal companies pay into a fund. The bill makes spending for the reclamation program mandatory, which means it would not be controlled through the annual congressional appropriations process.

Martin dies from injuries related to cycling accident 3 years ago

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky civil rights leader Galen Martin, who for nearly three decades led the state's Commission on Human Rights, has died. He was 79.

Martin led the commission from 1960, when it was formed, until 1989. He was also credited with helping to push for the passage of Kentucky's civil rights law.

"Galen Martin greatly served our commonwealth and our nation with his steadfast commitment to the principles of equality," Linda Strite Murnane, the commission's current executive director, said.

Martin died Tuesday at his home from complications suffered in a bicycle crash about three years ago.

Audit: City of Manchester misused tax dollars

MANCHESTER, Ky. (AP) — Officials in this eastern Kentucky city misused taxpayers' money to pave driveways for nearly three dozen homeowners, state Auditor Crit Luallen said Wednesday.

An audit of the Manchester's finances revealed that the city authorized the paving of private driveways as part of November 2005 contract to pave certain city streets.

The issue was addressed at a City Council meeting that month, with Mayor Daugh White stating that the owners of the driveways agreed to pay the city prior to receiving the service.

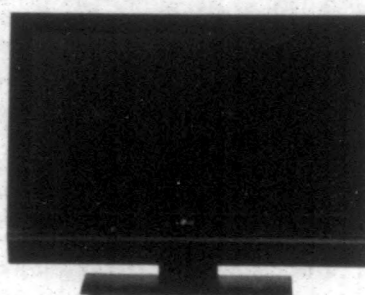
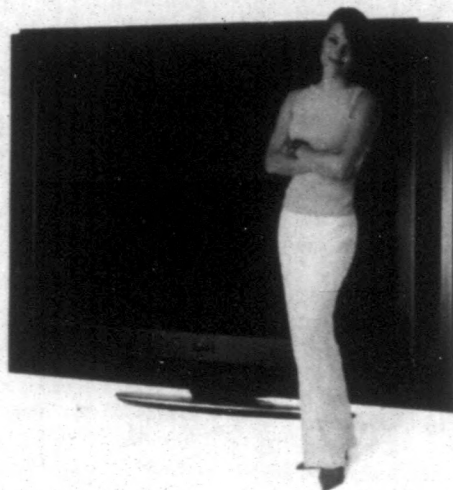
In interviews with the White and other city officials, auditors were told that "six or seven" driveways were paved based upon verbal arrangements with the citizens, according to the audit.

However, auditors found no documentation for property owners being billed or the city being reimbursed.



DRIVE-BY SHOT: Vince Wunderlich, 17, braces for his flu shot, administered by Franklin County Health Department registered nurse Jenny Owens at the health department's drive-through flu shot clinic Tuesday. Wunderlich's employer paid the \$15 fee for his vaccination.

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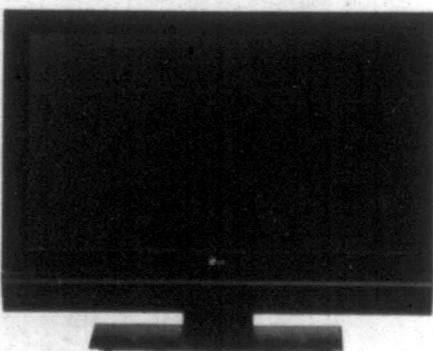
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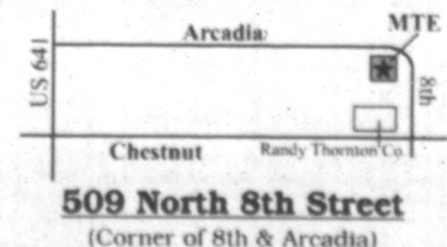
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What kids REALLY want for Christmas

I feel bad for most kids these days. Every Christmas, they get way too much stuff when memories are all they want.

I'm 44 and barely remember most of the gifts I got for Christmas as a kid. I do remember the extraordinary blessings I was given.

I remember an unusually warm December when I was 6. Dozens of kids were out in the street playing, while their dads hung Christmas lights. I was looking out the window when my father, the Big Guy, pulled into the driveway, a tree strapped to the roof of our 1970 Plymouth Fury.

He opened the garage door and walked inside. He came out carrying a large Christmas tree platform he'd kept strapped to the garage wall. The Big Guy liked his platforms sturdy, and he built ours from a sheet of 4-foot-by-8-foot plywood and 2-inch-by-6-inch studs. It was heavy as lead, but he made it look light as a feather.

The Big Guy was only 34 then, his hair black as coal. He was youthful and powerful and madly in love with my mother. They had four children with two more yet to come. And as he toiled to get the tree straight on the platform, he had no idea his work would elicit powerful memories in his son 40 years later.

For years, our Christmas Eve ritual was the same. Our next-door neighbors, the Kriegers, visited. Tremendous festivity filled the air. The party lasted two or three hours before we were carted off to bed.

The Big Guy would stack the old stereo console in the dining room with every Christmas record we had — Mitch Miller, A Chipmunk Christmas, Snoopy and the Red Baron and Bing Crosby. Sleeping was near impossible until Crosby came on. Not even the most hyper kid could stay awake when the needle danced over that melodious tune.

And suddenly it was morning. I'd jump out of my bed and run around waking my sisters. We'd rush down to the living room. As we opened our gifts, our dog Jingles dived into the piles of wrapping paper.

And when we were done swapping gifts with each other, we gave our gifts to Jingles — six hunks of rawhide. Her tail went wild with excitement, and she'd spend the rest of the day chewing it in total content-



Humor Column
By Tom Purcell
Syndicated Columnist

ment.

The Big Guy always made a massive breakfast on Christmas morning — eggs, bacon, ham, pancakes, French toast and English muffins smattered with jelly. We'd sit around

laughing and talking an hour or more.

Until the Big Guy began getting antsy.

"You kids have to get ready for Mass or we'll end up standing in the aisles like we did last year," he'd say.

All the stragglers went to church on Christmas, you see — even the atheists must have — because we regulars had to get there extra early to claim our usual seats. But when you have five sisters, each sporting the "Farrah Fawcett" big hair of the era, and ONE full bathroom, it took us HOURS to get ready.

Their big hair prompted the Big Guy's second major Christmas morning concern: "For God's sakes, don't run your blow driers at the same time or you'll burn the house down!"

But every Christmas morning my sisters ran their hair driers at the same time — they didn't burn the house down, but did blow several fuses. And every year we were late for Mass. We stood in the aisles EVERY year.

My sisters and I are in our 30s and 40s now and we laugh about these memories. The memories, in fact, are all we really wanted for Christmas, but we were too young to know it then.

I know it now. Gifts don't mean much, but people do and our health does and our love for each other does. For most of the Christmases of my life, everybody has been healthy and blessed.

That's all I want for Christmas this year. More good memories. That's what every kid really wants, too, and we ought to give it to them.

Instead of a bunch of stuff.

Tom Purcell is a humor columnist syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons. For comments to Tom, e-mail him at TomPurcell@aol.com.



In '08, it's Hillary's race to lose

The battle for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination will come down to two candidates: Hillary vs. the Un-Hillary.

Sen. Clinton is so polarizing and a female candidacy is so novel, that the race for the nomination must revolve around her. Who will the Un-Hillary be?

The early front-runner is Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. As a new African-American face, he has the same sort of first-of-a-kind credentials as Hillary and boasts genuine outsider status as well.

But Obama is very, very inexperienced. He was elected to Illinois' state Senate in a one-party district, then won the Democratic U.S. Senate primary because his wealthy, spend-it-all opponent was



Morris Advisory
By Dick Morris
Syndicated Columnist

caught in a messy divorce scandal just as his candidacy was peaking. He won in the general election of '06 because Illinois is a blue state and the Republican who was to be his adversary dissolved in a marital scandal of his own, whereupon the talent-poor local GOP opted to import the absurdist candidate Alan Keyes — making Obama's victory a foregone conclusion.

In his book "The Audacity

Can Obama weather a presidential race? He better ramp up his learning curve if he is going to try. ... Unless he can step beyond such Oprah-level content, the national press corps will have him for breakfast.

of Hope," he confesses that in his Senate campaign "no candidate ran a negative TV ad about me." That's as close as you get to a political equivalent of virginity.

Can Obama weather a presidential race? He better ramp up his learning curve if he is going to try. His book is filled with feature-story fluff about his background, eloquent philosophizing on the state of our nation and its history, and freshly scrubbed naiveté about the political process.

But it lacks any substan-

tive ideas, policy innovations or even any insightful analysis of public issues. Unless he can step beyond such Oprah-level content, the national press corps will have him for breakfast.

The bottom line? He could grow into the role of a national candidate, but don't count on it happening this year.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years. Look for Dick's new book "Condi vs. Hillary" available now.

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IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE SPITZER
AND ALL THROUGH THE STATEHOUSE

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EACH LAME DUCK, EACH LOUSE.

THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG
AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

IN HOPES THAT ST. PATRICK
WOULD COME ONE LAST TIME

THE LAWMAKERS WERE
NESTLED - SNUG FELLOWS
IN BEDS

WHILE VISIONS OF
PAYRAISES DANCED
IN THEIR HEADS.

THE LEADER WITH
HIS LULUS,
THE SPEAKER WITH
HIS BACKSLAPS,
HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN
FOR LONG ETHICAL MAPS.

WHEN OUT ON THE LAWN THERE
AROSE SWEETHEART PACTS.

THEY SPRANG FROM
THEIR BEDS TO SEE
WHO GOT THE CONTRACTS,

WHEN WHAT TO THEIR
WONDERING EYES
LOOKED JUST LIKE
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CAME A LAST-MINUTE
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Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Ruth McCuiston

The funeral for Mrs. Mary Ruth McCuiston will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home. Rev. Kerry Lambert will officiate. Music will be by Darrell Gibson, vocalist, and Oneida White, pianist.

Pallbearers will be David McCuiston, Tripp McCuiston, Josh Hill, Timmy Adams, Tony Adams, Jeffrey Adams and Michael Adams. Burial will follow in the Hicks Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today (Thursday). Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of Murray-Calloway County Hospital, 803 Poplar St., Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mrs. McCuiston, 65, Murray, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at 2:40 a.m. at Spring Creek Health Care. She taught school for 27 years in the Calloway County School District, including Hazel, Southwest, East and Calloway County Middle schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church and of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On Sept. 1, 1956, she was married to Bobby T. McCuiston, who died Jan. 18, 1998. Also preceding her in death were one daughter, Christine Murdock, and two brothers, Joe Emerine and Mark Emerine. Born Oct. 8, 1941, in Joy, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Joseph Emerine and Opal Parker Emerine.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Linda Wray and Mrs. Susan Miller and husband, Ronnie, two sons, Bobby McCuiston and wife, Beth, and Dr. Steve McCuiston and wife, Jill, and one brother, Ralph Emerine and wife, Alice, all of Murray; 10 grandchildren, Shawna and Derrik Edwards, Tripp McCuiston, Whitley McCuiston, Wesley McCuiston, Andrew McCuiston, Anna Hill, Josh Hill, Paige Miller and Will Miller; one great-grandchild, Makena Grace Edwards; two brothers-in-law, Charles McCuiston and Ronald Adams.

Mrs. Marion (Kay) Filbeck

The funeral for Mrs. Marion (Kay) Filbeck will be today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Rev. Randy Lowe and Rev. Jimmy Fulton will officiate. Burial will follow in the Brewers Cemetery.

Visitation is now at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Oak Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church Building Fund, c/o Carolyn Collins, 190 Cascade Hill Road, Benton, Ky., 42025.

Mrs. Filbeck, 67, Oak Grove Church Road, Benton, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at 6:40 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A homemaker, she was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dearborn, Mich., but attended Oak Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Preceding her in death were one daughter, Debbie Trippitt; one sister, Betty Jacobs; and her parents, Clarence King and Eva Morris King. Survivors include her husband, Gilbert Wayne Filbeck; one daughter, Mrs. Eva Hubbard, Benton; two sons, Darrell Filbeck, Benton, and Hoya Filbeck, Smithland; one brother, Jack King, Florida; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Blood bank seeks O-negative donors

The Blood Bank at Murray-Calloway County Hospital is experiencing a blood shortage of O Negative blood and is looking for individuals who are willing to donate.

MCCH Blood Bank has new hours for drawing blood: Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The constant supply of blood provided locally to the MCCH Blood Bank provides the gift of life to many people. From a convenience perspective, it only takes less than an hour to make a blood donation and donations of

all blood types are greatly needed. The blood received by MCCH Blood Bank stays in the community to serve the needs of patients within our area.

A blood donor must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 with parental consent), be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and pass the brief physical and health history exams given prior to collecting the donation.

To make an appointment to donate blood or to find out where the next blood drive will be held, contact the Blood Bank at 270-762-1119.

Kentucky state trooper killed in crash while responding to non-emergency call

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky State Police trooper killed in a collision along an eastern Kentucky highway Tuesday night was turning onto a median and didn't see the other vehicle, authorities said Wednesday.

Jonathan K. Leonard, 28, died almost 18 years to the day from the last death of a Kentucky state trooper in the line of duty, state police said.

The driver of the other vehicle, Eugene Sisco Jr., 45, was in serious condition at University of Kentucky Medical Center, said Trooper Scott Hopkins, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police in Pikeville.

State Police Commissioner Jack Adams said Leonard was responding to a non-emergency call and was turning to meet another trooper on the median when the crash occurred. Adams said details of the accident were still under investigation, and no citations had been issued.

"Without getting into specifics, it's obvious he didn't see the other vehicle," Adams said. "It was a tragic accident."

Adams spoke to reporters after laying a wreath in memory of Leonard at the Fallen Trooper Memorial in Frankfort.

Leonard was pronounced dead at the scene of the 6:20 p.m. EST crash on U.S. 119 in Sidney in Pike County.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher directed that flags at all state office buildings remain at half-staff in honor



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Sec. of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Gen. Norman Arflack (left), Kentucky State Police Commissioner Jack Adams (center) and Sec. of the Governor's Executive Cabinet Robbie Rudolph (right) laid a wreath at the Fallen Trooper's Memorial at KSP headquarters in Frankfort Wednesday in honor of Trooper Jonathan Leonard, who died Tuesday in a motor vehicle crash while on duty in Pike County.

of Leonard. Flags were at half-staff for Staff Sgt. Thomas W. Clemons, a Kentucky Guardsman who died of a heart attack on Dec. 11 while preparing to go on patrol with his team near Ad Diwanayah, Iraq.

"This is a tragic loss for the Kentucky State Police and we will keep the family, friends and colleagues of Trooper Leonard

in our thoughts and prayers," Fletcher said. "This tragedy is a stark reminder of the tremendous sacrifice made on a daily basis by those who protect us and enforce laws."

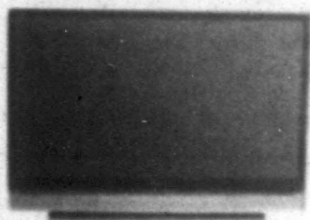
Leonard had worked for the agency for three years, all at the Pikeville post.

He was the 24th trooper killed in the line of duty in the

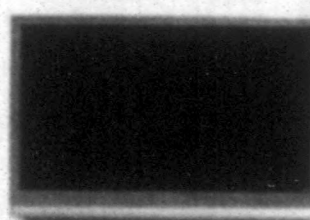
agency's 58-year history and the first since Trooper Johnny Edrington was killed Dec. 21, 1988 in Laurel County, police said.

Visitation is set for 5-9 p.m. Friday at Hatfield Funeral Home in Toler. Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at New Belfry High School in Goody.

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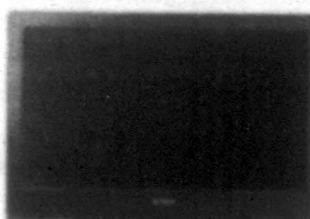
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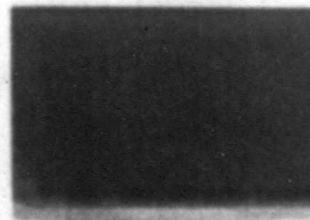
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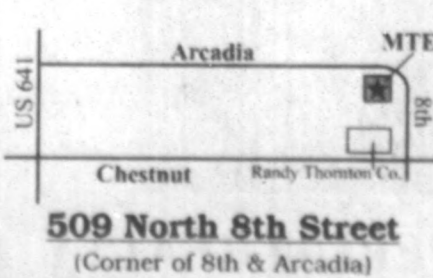
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Harley Wightman-Dale Mehr

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The baby weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 17 inches. The mother is the former Celisa Ann Garland. He has one sister.

Maternal grandparents are Dale and Ann Garland of Murray.

Paternal grandparents are Nancy Burcham and Walter Mehr, both of Murray.

Purchase Area Chapter of Kentucky Retirees will meet Jan. 4

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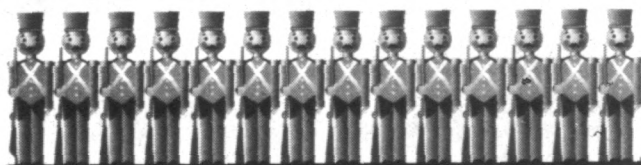
This will be a combined luncheon and business meeting.

Rita Bailey, dietitian at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, will be the speaker.

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IAAP PROJECT: Pictured left is Imogene Kimbro and second right is Marjorie Butler, residents of Spring Creek Health Care, with Jennifer Dixon, community service chair of Murray Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals, and Ashley Butler. Jennifer and Ashley distributed Christmas cards to the residents at Spring Creek as the IAAP Murray Chapter members had signed as the December Community Project for the organization. The two residents are great-grandmothers to Ashley. For more information on IAAP Murray Chapter call Marion Hale, president, at 809-2387.

Murray woman will be honored at 90th birthday party Tuesday

Mrs. Mae Waters of 813 South Ninth St., Murray, will turn 90 years old on Christmas day. She was born Dec. 25, 1916, in Huron, Tenn., to the late Lonnie H. and Eva McCarter Rogers.

She has three living sisters, Mrs. Nadine Garner and Mrs. Lavelle Page of Tennessee and Mrs. Sue Blankenship of Virginia, and one living brother, Lloyd Rogers of Fulton. Three deceased brothers are Otis, Wilbur and Gilbert Rogers.

Mrs. Waters moved from Tennessee in 1952 to Plymouth, Mich., where she worked at Burroughs Corporation, Kroger Stores and Michigan Bell Telephone Company. It was at Michigan Bell that she met and married Sidney Waters, a native of Murray, Ky. Upon their retirement, they moved to Lakeland, Fla., in 1974. After 14 years in Lakeland, they decided to return to Sidney's hometown in Murray



Mae Waters

where Mae has resided since 1987.

In November 1997, Mr. Roberts died, and 10 days later in December Mrs. Roberts lost her daughter, Jeanne, of Lansing, Mich., from breast can-

cer. Mrs. Roberts continues to reside in her long-time home on South Ninth Street and has her membership at Grace Baptist Church, Murray.

Her three grandchildren are David Brandon and wife, Sharree, and their two sons, Drew and Jared, of Lubbock, Texas, Dana Balan of Sebastopol, Calif., and Susie Breaguh of San Jose, Calif.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, Mrs. Waters will be honored at a special 90th birthday celebration at Sirloin Stockade Family Restaurant in the Bell Air Plaza, Murray.

Those attending, in addition to family and friends from Murray, will include family from Tennessee, California and Florida.

"Throughout her life, Mrs. Waters has always exemplified her Baptist belief through her generosity, her faith and her caring for others," a family member said.



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DONATION GIVEN: Pictured is Jennifer Dixon, member of the Calloway County Homemaker Friendship Club, right, presenting a donation to Roger Polo for the Calloway County Pre School Christmas Program. The donation will help the children from the pre school have a nice holiday. For more information on the CCHM Friendship Club contact Brenda Kimbro, president, at 436-5216 or the Calloway County Extension office at 753-1452.

WATCH needs cans

WATCH Center at 702 Main St., Murray, needs aluminum cans for an on-going fund-raising project.

Peggy Williams, director, said "these may be taken to the center during regular hours;

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Saresa Davis has written a special poem about family being truly a Christmas gift, and her mother, Tonia Casey, wanted to share it with our readers. It is as follows:

FAMILY

Taking your family for granted
Is one thing we all have done
In the past or the present
Our loved ones we have shunned.
You must be cautious with criticism
And generous with praise
Because one family is all you will ever

have
On this earth with you day by day.
Families need to give support
From one to another

Whether you are young or old
Your age doesn't matter.
Families are the everlasting union
Of beauty, perfection and love
Each of us hand picked by God
And sent from above.
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Need Line to close two days

Murray-Calloway County Need Line will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Christmas holidays.

Library will be closed for holidays

Calloway County Public Library will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Christmas holidays.

Glory Bound will not meet Friday

Glory Bound Entertainment at Goshen United Methodist Church will not be held on Fridays, Dec. 22 and 29, because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. For information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Patrick Lea at 761-2666.

Murray Singles plan dance

Murray Singles Organization will sponsor a New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Joe Creason building, Benton. The cost will be \$7 per person and music will be by Brad Huntley. Each one is asked to bring a snack to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. The public is invited. For information call Mike at 759-3180 or Pat at 489-2909.

Oaks Country Club plans party

A New Year's Eve party will be Sunday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Oaks Country Club. The cost will be \$10 per person. Music will be a D-J. Members and non-members are welcome. For reservations call the pro shop, 753-6454, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday TOPS Club will meet

Thursday TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Club will meet today at 5:15 in the annex of Calloway Public Library. The meeting is open to the public. For information call Marge Andrews at 753-7732.

Hazel club plans dinner meeting

Hazel Woman's Club will have its Christmas dinner tonight at 6:30 at the Hazel Community Center. The meal will be catered by Cindy's of Paris, Tenn. Janice Wilkinson will give the devotion. All members are urged to attend.

Bell ringers are needed

The Calloway County Unit of The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers. All ringing will take place outside the entrances to Wal-Mart. Individuals or groups may sign up for one hour or more time slots. Ringers are needed today from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m. Those interested are asked to call Kerry Lambert, unit chairman, at 753-7265 and leave a message.

Good Life group plans trip

The Murray Bank Good Life will host a seven-night vacation to a resort in Riviera Maya, Mexico, April 20-28, 2007. Deposits should be made as soon as possible and the balance must be paid by Jan. 12, 2007. For more information or to become a Good Life member, contact Brenda Sykes at 767-338 or e-mail bsykes@themurraybank.com.

Laker Band cards available

Laker Band cards are still available at the cost of \$10 each and can be purchased by calling Wendy Collins at 293-2932 or at the Calloway County Board office.

Special course will be offered

A person can make difference in the lives of people in the community and receive three hours credit from Murray State University by signing up for YNL (Youth & Nonprofit Leadership) 290 for the spring semester. A major part of this class is providing service to one of over 50 nonprofit organizations in and around Murray, including the local Big Brothers Big Sisters program and Need Line to mention a few. For more information contact by e-mail to roger.weis@murraystate.edu or call him at 809-3808.

Relay for Life team plans promotion

The Relay for Life team of McKinney Insurance Services, Inc., will have a rebate week at Pizza Hut in Murray through Saturday. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the team.

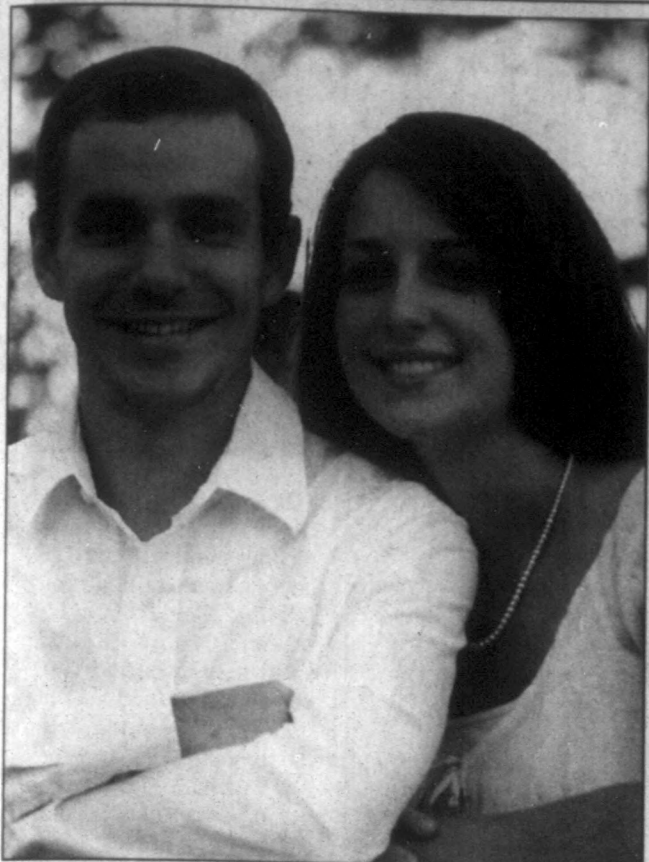
Senior center selling calendars

Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Center is selling an historical calendar of Murray with the cost being only \$5 which would be an excellent Christmas gift. All profits will go to help fund the services offered at the center.

Health Express lists stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer vision/glaucoma and blood pressure screenings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. Friday at Wal-Mart, Paris, Tenn.

Engagements



Hulse and O'Neal

Hillary Ann Hulse and Christopher Iles O'Neal announce their approaching marriage.

The vows will be said on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. at Coldwater United Methodist Church.

All relatives and friends are invited. The bride-elect is the daughter of Malcolm and Ginny Hulse of Murray.

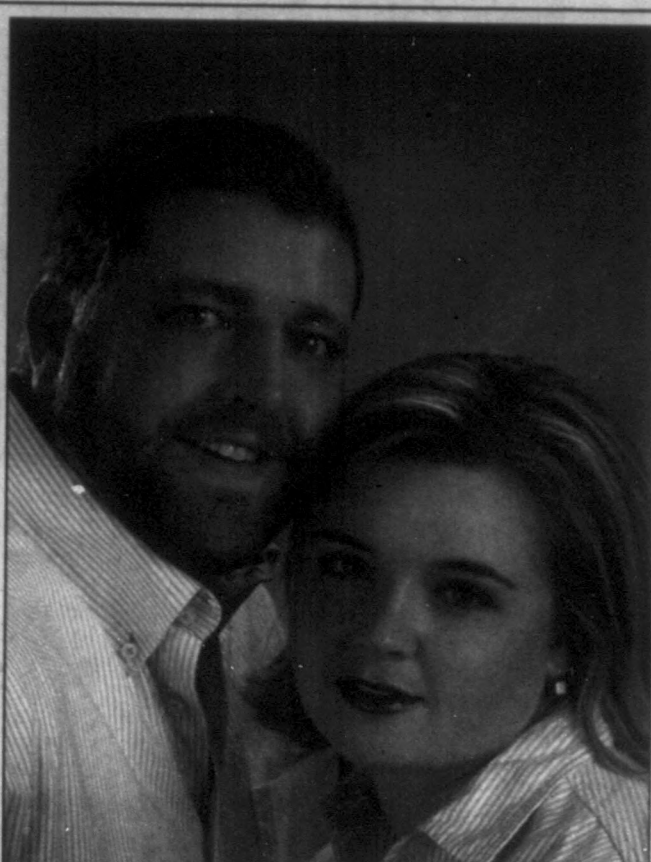
Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Locke of Murray, Mrs. Margaret Hulse of Spanish Fort, Ala., and the late Malcolm Carter and Alice Hulse.

The groom-elect is the son of Steve and Jean O'Neal of Owensboro.

His grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Charles O'Neal, Mrs. Helen Rayburn and the late Eugene Davis.

Miss Hulse attended Calloway County High School and is currently attending Murray State University where she is pursuing a degree in pre-medicine. She is employed by Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Mr. O'Neal attended Christian County High School and is majoring in music education at Murray State University. He is employed by Pilgrim's Pride.



Story and Barker

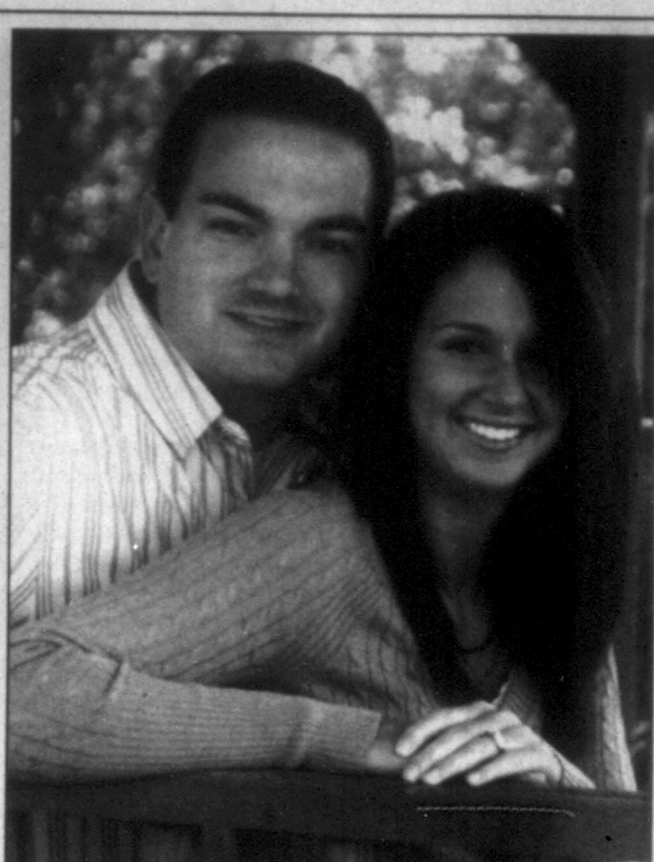
Greg and Karen Story of Puryear, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Autumn Leighann Story, to Jarod Carl Barker, son of Don and Pat Barker of Buchanan, Tenn.

Miss Story is the granddaughter of June Cole of Murray, Kenneth Wilson of Paris, Tenn., and Tommy and Linda Story of Murray and the late Janie Story.

A 2004 graduate of Murray State University, she is a member of North Fork Baptist Church and is self-employed.

The groom-elect is self employed. The wedding will be Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at 2 p.m. at North Fork Baptist Church, Jones Mill, Tenn.

All relatives and friends are invited.



Hocking and Opp

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Douglas Hocking of Debary, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacy Hopson Hocking, to Kevin Layne Opp Jr., son of Mrs. Lynne Vincent of Bremen, Ky., and Kevin L. Opp of Madisonville, Ky.

Miss Hocking is the granddaughter of Mrs. Maurine Jones Hopson and the late Dr. J. Lacy Hopson of Murray, Ky., and Max D. Hocking and the late Margaret and Eagleson Hocking of Dundas, Ill.

Mr. Opp Jr. is the grandson of Mrs. Ruth H. Smith and the late Hobert Moore of Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Opp of Huntsville, Ala.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Calloway County High School and is attending Murray State University. She is employed by Copy Express and as girls junior varsity soccer coach for Calloway County Schools.

The groom-elect is a 2006 graduate of Murray State University and is employed by Pella Corporation.

The wedding will be Saturday, May 19, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Baptist Church, Murray. All relatives and friends are invited.

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holt, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holt, Sr. of Dexter will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 2006.

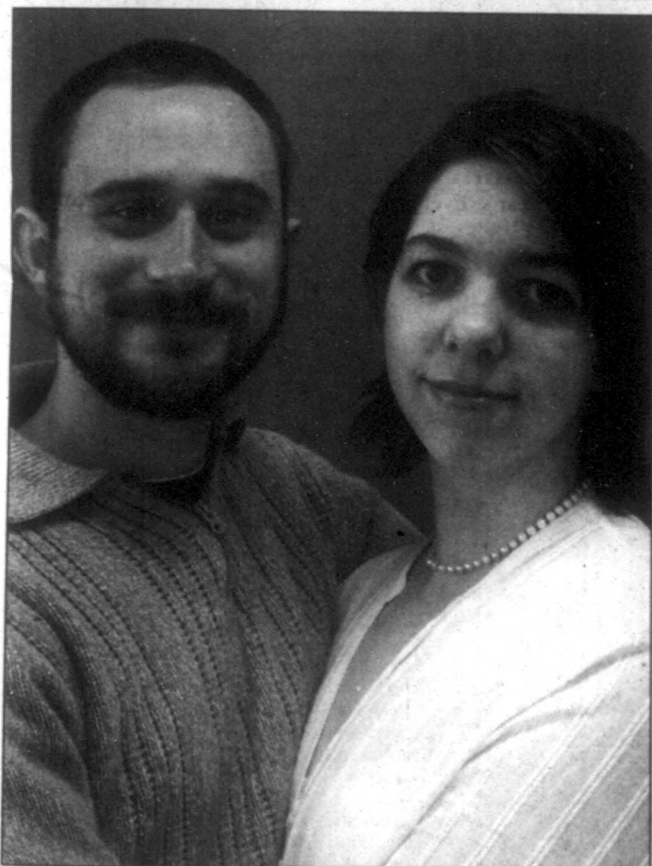
They were married on that date in 1934 in Granite City, Ill.

Mrs. Holt, the former Nellie McKinney, is the daughter of the late Charles and Maude McKinney.

Mr. Holt is the son of the late Leo and Cora Holt.

They have 10 living children and five children deceased; 27 grandchildren living and three grandchildren deceased; 38 great-grandchildren and one deceased great-grandchild; one great-great-granddaughter; several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

No special celebration is planned.



Sasso and Jones

Paul and Sandy Sasso of Murray announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie M. Sasso, to Ben Jones, son of Ralph and Fay Jones of Manchester, Tenn.

Miss Sasso is the granddaughter of Rose Miller and the late William F. Miller of Laurel Springs, N.C., and the late Victor and Dorothy Sasso of Windsor, Ontario.

Mr. Jones is the grandson of the late Thomas and Edith Whitchurch and Raymond and Nancy Jones of Newport News, Va.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Murray State University and is now pursuing a master of fine arts degree.

The groom-elect is a 2006 graduate of Murray State University and is now pursuing a master of science in mechanical engineering.

A July wedding is planned in Manchester, Tenn.



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■ Jones ...

From Front

"My objective in life was to increase the quality of care in obstetrics and gynecology in this community. I haven't done that alone. With Dr. (Gene) Cook joining me, we established a clinic."

Cook was quick to eliminate Jones' questions about whether he deserves the recognition.

"He very much does deserve it. What he has done for this community — there is no way to express," Cook told the board. "I appreciate very much the fact we've been shown this honor."

Hospital board chairman Jack Rose said Jones' impact on the community is evident.

"I think all of us who have lived here all or most of our lives have a great appreciation as we've gotten to observe your contributions," Rose said.

Other Murray Women's Clinic physicians also joined in the praise for their veteran colleague. The youngest of the bunch — Dr. Jason Hunt — thanked Jones for the opportunity to return to his hometown to practice.

"He has a lot of ability from the standpoint of medicine, but

he has a lot of insights every office needs to hold it together," fellow obstetrician/gynecologist Dr. Tom Green said.

Dr. Dawn Deeter said she has been most impressed with how Jones has kept himself updated with medical news and research after practicing for more than five decades.

"For me, he's been an inspiration," Deeter said. "I just think it's amazing what he's been able to do, still practicing all these years."

In other business, the board: —Approved unanimously using a construction manager at-risk approach to the \$40 million expansion project that is in the design phase. Only board member David Taylor was absent.

Rose and MCCH Director of Plant Operations Bud Byars explained the approach to the board as using a construction manager to deal with all the sub-contractors, thus locking in a bid, avoiding sales tax on many purchases and allowing a sooner start date. Once the bid is locked in, the construction manager is responsible for making the project cost doesn't exceed the projection. Should the project be more costly than expected, the

construction manager is responsible for the loss rather than the hospital.

"The construction manager assumes full liability of the project, locks us into a price and fast tracks the project," Byars told the board. "... We certainly try to incorporate all the local people we can."

Byars said he'll take proposals from firms experienced in healthcare construction. His research has shown firms' fees range from 2.5 to 3.75 percent of the project.

Mayor Rushing also told fellow board members that he's had some questions about the scope of the project cost. Of the \$40 million estimated for the new facility with more than 170,000 square feet that will face Vine Street, only \$30 million is being bonded. The other \$10 million is being funded through MCCH's existing cash.

Also related to the construction project, the board approved the contract with JRA Architects. The agreement includes the flat 5 percent fee.

"Everything they've done so far rolls into that price," CEO Keith Bailey said.



Photo provided

FOOD DRIVE: Calloway County Middle School recently held a Food Drive coordinated by the Youth Service Center and the Student Council. The student body collected 3,975 items of food. Faith Burkeen's 6th grade homeroom, top photo, collected 975 cans. Three other homerooms also made a significant contribution to the effort. These were the 6th grade homerooms of Mickey Garrison and Kevin Sulter with 872 and 566 respectively and Jennifer Dunnaway's 7th grade class with 438 cans. All of the food items were donated to Need Line. Pictured at left are 6th graders Nick Betts and Matthew Gore assisting in the organization of food items at CCMS.



■ Stark Law ...

From Front

assessed. The other major requirement involves using a company that conducts independent reviews of the hospital to ensure its administrators are complying with regulations.

Specifically, public accounting and consulting firm Crowe Chizek will monitor the compliance over the required three-year period. "They will make sure we are paying attention to all the details," Bailey said.

MCCH Vice President for Financial Services Brad Bloemer told the board that Crowe was awarded the bid even though its cost was slightly higher because the other bidder, BKD, already prepares the hospital's cost reports. Bloemer said Crowe will conduct an annual, on-site review but may evaluate hospital data more frequently.

"I don't think you ought to review your own work," Bloemer said. "If we are going to do this, we need to do it right."

The federal Stark Law says if physicians have financial relationships with an organization, those relationships must meet certain criteria. Otherwise, those physicians are not permitted to refer patients to the hospital for Medicare services. Also, the hospital can't bill for the service, and would be subject to penalties if it did.

The U.S. Congress enacted the Ethics in Patient Referrals Act in 1988 after recognizing a health care-related anti-kickback statute was difficult to apply to financial arrangements.

Former hospital CEO Jon O'Shaughnessy publicly announced the federal violations in March 2005.

Not long after he was hired a year earlier, O'Shaughnessy started looking into the financial relationships between MCCH and physicians and learned previous hospital management failed to properly document business transactions with doctors who provided consulting services and neglected to assess Medical Arts Building space at fair market value for lease agreements.

The violations were self-reported to the Office of Inspector General and the U.S. attorney's office in Louisville. Hospital attorney Chip Adams said the disclosure likely helped the parties come to a favorable resolution.

The investigation included going through records, assessing Medical Arts Building space to

determine a fair market value, drafting lease agreements with doctors, adjusting rent prices, and training staff and board members on compliance issues.

The key for Bailey is resolution.

"This is a dead issue," he said.

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Racers vs. Samford

Date: Today
Tipoff: 7 p.m.
Site: RSEC, Murray.
Series record: MSU leads 9-7.
Coaches: Jimmy Tillette (153-117, 10th season), Samford; Billy Kennedy (5-7, first season), Murray State.
Radio/Television: Froggy 103.7 FM, with Neal Bradley & Nathan Higdon.
Probable Starting Lineups:
Samford (4-4, 2-0 OVC): C-Travis Peterson, 11.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg; G-Jerry Smith, 13.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg; G-Jason Black, 2.4 ppg, 2.1 rpg; G-Randall Gulina, 20.0 ppg, 3.6 rpg; G-Joe Ross Merritt, 11.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg.
Murray State (5-7, 3-1): C-Rob Kennedy, 6.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg; G-Bruce Carter, 11.7 ppg, 4.8 rpg; G-Danero Thomas, 4.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg; G-Ed Horton, 7.6 ppg, 3.9 apg; G-Tyler Holloway, 10.1 ppg, 2.5 apg.

RACER BASKETBALL

March-like Madness

RACERS, SAMFORD SQUARE OFF WITH FIRST-PLACE ON THE LINE AT THE RSEC

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

In May only be late December, but the Murray State Racers are facing one of their biggest games of the season in tonight's Ohio Valley Conference show-

down with league co-leader Samford.

The Bulldogs (4-4, 2-0 OVC), the pre-season pick to win the conference after falling to the Racers in last season's tournament championship game at Nashville, look the part of a contender after starting league action with two straight wins — albeit narrow victories over Jacksonville State (54-53) and Southeast Missouri State (65-64).

Head coach Jimmy Tillette's squad enters tonight's 7 o'clock tip-off at the Regional Special Events Center on a high

after guard Jerry Smith's coast-to-coast drive in the waning seconds produced the game-winning layup at SEMO on Tuesday night.

Samford has every starter back from last year's 20-11 finish except reigning OVC Player of the Year J. Robert Merritt. The roster includes the stellar backcourt duo of Smith and senior Randall Gulina.

Entering today's play, Gulina leads the OVC in scoring at 20.0 points per game while shooting 36 percent from 3-point

■ See OVC 2B

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL



No, business isn't Rich Brooks' game. Football is. And, while some of his players say saving their coach's job was a motivating factor during their breakout season, they insist that didn't come from Brooks.

One rung at a time

WILDCATS

CONTINUE TO CLIMB LADDER OF SUCCESS UNDER BROOKS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — (AP) — Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks is happy to discuss blitz schemes or the I formation, but he prefers to leave the X's and O's of business to other people — even when it involves his own job.

Brooks says he didn't mangle in the behind-the-scenes maneuvering that placed the Wildcats (7-5) in next week's Music City Bowl against Clemson (8-4). Nor does he seem overly concerned about finalizing the details of the contract extension promised by Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart.

"I would assume something would be resolved," he said Wednesday.

No, business isn't Brooks' game.

Football is. And, while some of his players say saving their coach's job was a motivating factor during their breakout season, they insist that didn't come from Brooks.

One day after practice last year, during the doldrums of yet another losing season, offensive lineman Michael Aitcheson recalls Brooks addressing his own job situation for the first and only time. The mention came shortly after Barnhart informed the team Brooks would be back for another try.

"He said, 'This is one of the down sides of the game — the business aspect,'" Aitcheson said.

Although Brooks insisted his team not play for him this year, tight end Jacob Tamme said he still took tremendous pride in what was accomplished — lifting the program from mediocrity and probation and landing the first bowl appearance since 1999.

"He's a humble guy," Tamme said. "He's coached at a lot of different places, done a lot of different things and he knows what he's doing. Sometimes it's hard to get people to accept that and not a young guy that's always coming in with all that hoopla. He'd rather stay under the radar and build a quiet winner."

The players say the quiet part is just Brooks' public persona. They tell stories of their mild-mannered coach getting fired up about missed tackles or dropped catches. In fact, when line-backer Wesley Woodyard played word

■ See BOWL 2B

PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

CCHS breaks two-game skid with win over Lady Scotties

3 PLAYERS LEAD LADY LAKERS AT BERA TOWNSHIP

Staff Report

BEREA, Ky. — Calloway County put three players in double figures as it up-ended Mercer County 54-46 in the first round of the Berea Holiday Tournament on Wednesday night.

Kayla Cunningham led all Lady Lakers with 19 points and finished with 10 rebounds. Rachel Adams also notched a double-double with 14 points and 15 boards, while Beth Ross added 12 points for Calloway, which improved to 5-2.

"We used our size advantage, and they couldn't guard us in the post," said Calloway coach Scott Sivills.

After trailing Mercer County 24-20 at the break, the Lady Lakers played the Lady Scotties to a 35-all tie at the end of the third quarter.

"In the second half, we were much more patient with our offense and ran it a lot better. This was a big win for us, we really needed it," Sivills added.

The difference for Calloway, which went 15-of-39 from the field, might have been that it shot just as many free throws, going 23-of-34 from the charity stripe.

Calloway held Mercer to just nine free throws and 14 turnovers.

Sam Butts added four points, while Karra Jones netted three. Shelby Webb and Whitney Jones each finished with one.

The Lady Lakers play St. Henry today at noon at the Berea tournament.

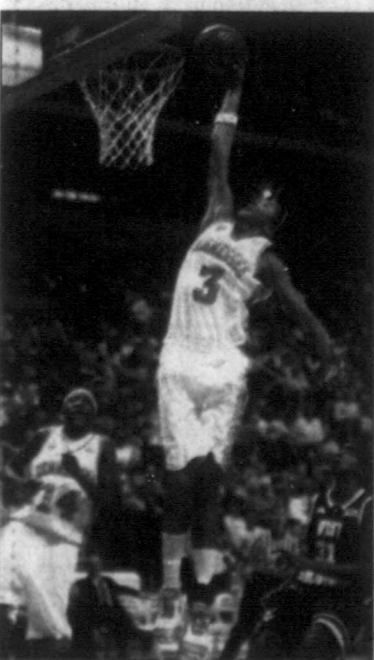
Parker T'd up

LADY VOLS' STAR GETS 5TH DUNK IN WIN

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's Candace Parker dunked again but with a twist. For the first time, she was whistled for a technical.

Parker had her fifth career dunk and third this season with 12:56 left in the first half against West Virginia on Wednesday night. She stole the ball at one end and jammed it in with one hand at the end of a fast break.

This time Parker's dunk was more emphatic with the rim making a louder thud, and she finished by popping her jersey.

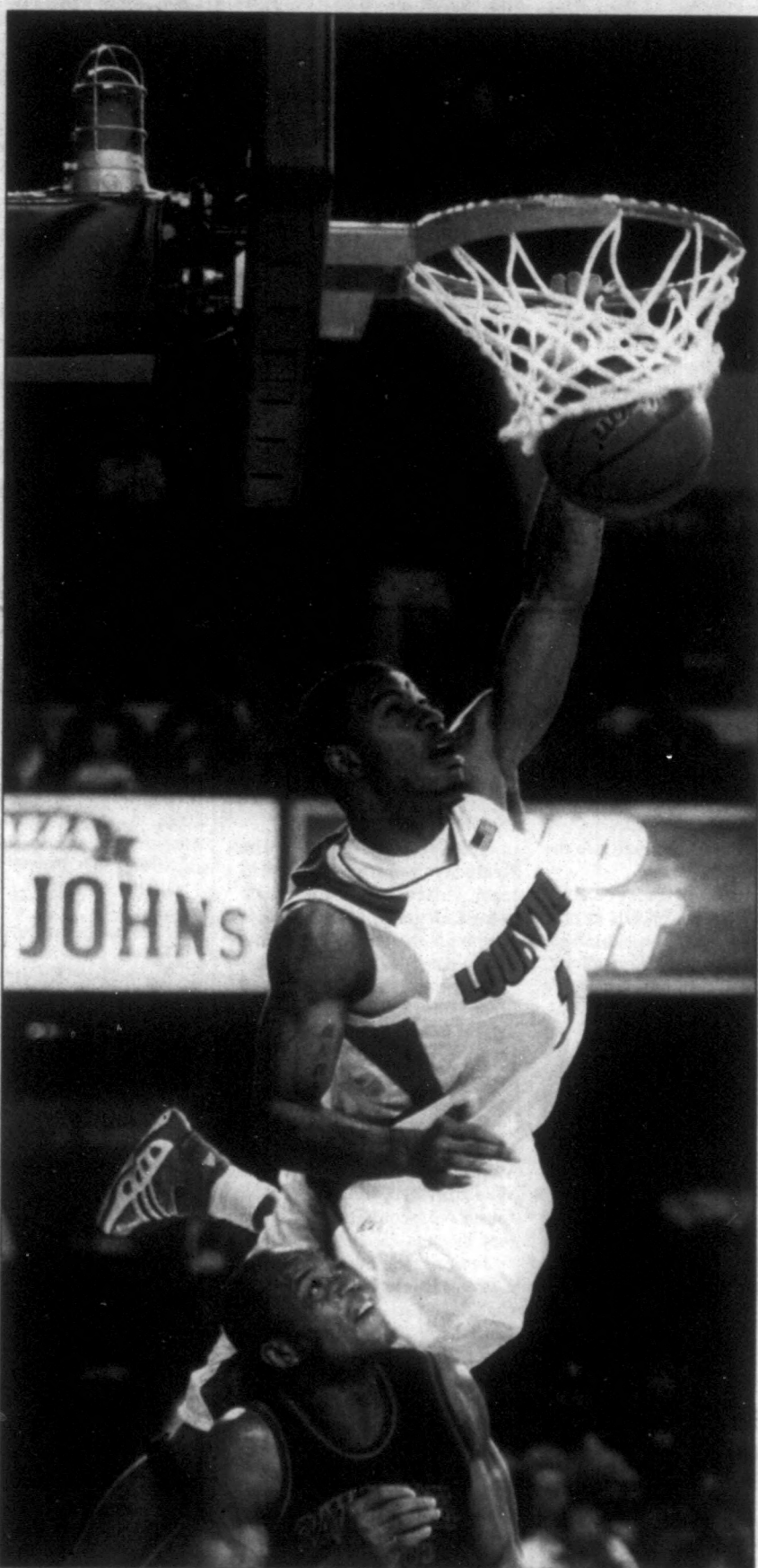


AP

Tennessee's Candace Parker (3) dunks the ball against West Virginia's Lateefah Joye (31) during the first half Wednesday in Knoxville, Tenn.

LOUISVILLE 71, SAVANNAH STATE 45

E for Effort



AP

Louisville's Terrence Williams dunks the ball over Savannah State's Joshua Obiajunwa during the second half Wednesday in Louisville.

PITINO GETS COMBINATION IN WIN OVER TIGERS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino wasn't asking for dominance or perfection, just effort from his players after back-to-back losses at home.

The Louisville coach got a little bit of all three during the Cardinals' 71-45 win over Savannah State at Freedom Hall on Wednesday.

While the Cardinals (6-4) hardly sparkled. They played with the kind of confidence and energy they lacked during a frustrating loss to Kentucky last weekend. And for a young team still trying to find itself, it was enough.

"We were hungry to show everybody we're not going to hang our heads," Pitino said.

Instead, the Cardinals did what they expected to do against the weary Tigers (5-10). Louisville forced the tempo, pressured Savannah State into 25 turnovers and seemed eager to put a tumultuous week in the rearview mirror.

Juan Palacios scored a season-high 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds, thanks in part to solid shooting at the free throw line and a trimmer frame.

"We asked him to come in much lighter than he was last year," Pitino said. "We think (the extra weight) took away from his jumping ability, his quickness (but) he came in just as heavy, if not a few pounds heavier. Now he's lost 12 pounds in the last month, so he looks better. He's more active; he's quicker."

Quickness, however, had nothing to do with Palacios' 10-of-12 effort from the free throw line, an area he'd struggled with all season.

It's something I've been working on a lot, staying after practice," Palacios said. "It was a normal game. Anyone can get 20 points in a game like that."

Nearly everyone got their chance. Fifteen Cardinals played and 10 scored, though freshman center Derrick Character wasn't one of them. Pitino suspended Character for the game for violating team rules.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Arizona handles first ranked opponent this season

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — It took four years, but Mustafa Shakur is becoming the player Arizona coach Lute Olson thought he could be.

Shakur had 23 points, six rebounds and five assists Wednesday night to lead the ninth-ranked Wildcats to a 78-71 victory over No. 18 Memphis in the Fiesta Bowl Classic.

"He just is so different a player this year than he's been before for us," Olson said. "This is his team, it's his leadership. He does a great job of breaking the defense down. It's the difference between night and day, in my opinion, the way he's playing."

Freshman Chase Budinger, who scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half for Arizona (9-1), gave Shakur the credit.

"Mustafa played a heck of a game," Budinger said. "He was unbelievable out there. He was just a leader out there. That's what we need of him."

Shakur was the game's most valuable player.

"I'm obviously still looking for my teammates a lot," he said. "I want to get them the ball. I feed off them. When people start doubting them, I am ready to shoot."

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was: No. 5 Florida 88, Stetson 67; No. 10 Alabama 82, North Carolina State 75; No. 17 Washington 88, No. 12 LSU 72; and No. 14 Connecticut 88, Pepperdine 66.

Arizona erased a five-point halftime deficit to win its ninth straight game in its first matchup with a nationally

ranked team this season. It was the final preconference tuneup for the Wildcats, who open Pac-10 play Thursday at home against California.

"This is not a team that's going to plateau," Olson said. "I think they're going to be a team that will keep getting better because they play hard, they practice hard and they really enjoy playing together."

Jeremy Hunt led the Tigers (8-3) with 21 points, including 4-of-9 from 3-point range. Andre Allen added 15 points and Kareem Cooper had 11 for Memphis.

Memphis coach John Calipari was critical of the effort shown by some of his players but said the game was a learning experience.

No. 5 Florida 88, Stetson 67

Joakim Noah was 7-for-10 from the field and scored 16 points for the Gators (10-2), who improved to 8-0 at home and gave coach Billy Donovan his 236th victory at Florida. Garfield Blair led the Hatters (3-8) with 18 points.

No. 10 Alabama 82, North Carolina St. 75

Richard Hendrix had 23 points and 12 rebounds and Ronald Steele returned to the Alabama lineup and added 14 points. Steele, a first-team preseason all-America, missed two games and played only 4 minutes of a third while battling a sprained right ankle and tendinitis in his left knee. His status for this game was in question until shortly before tipoff.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE ROUNDUP

Reed leads Peay to win over MTSU

EKU, MOREHEAD POST VICTORIES ON THE ROAD

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Drake Reed scored 21 points, including a layup and free throw with 18 seconds left in overtime, to lead Austin Peay to a 64-63 victory Wednesday over visiting Middle Tennessee State.

Drake's layup tied the game at 63 and his free throw provided the winning margin for the Governors (4-6).

Kevin Kanaskie missed a jumper with 6 seconds left for Middle Tennessee (4-6). He had sent the game into overtime by hitting a 3-pointer with 1:15 left to make it 56-56.

Fernandez Lockett scored 17 points for Austin Peay and had a game-high 13 rebounds. Landon Shipley added 12 points for the Governors, who trailed 31-26 at halftime.

E. Kentucky 82, Tenn.-Martin 69

MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — Mike Rose hit 7-of-9 3-pointers for 26 points to lead hot-shooting Eastern Kentucky over Tennessee-Martin 82-69 Wednesday night.

Rose was 9-of-14 from the field for the Colonels (8-3, 3-1 Ohio Valley Conference), who never trailed. His seven 3-point-

ers tied a school record.

Darnell Dials added 15 points for the Colonels and was 7-of-8 from the field. Julian Mascoll scored 13 and Adam Leonard 11.

Gerald Robinson led Tennessee-Martin with 24 points, including 6-of-9 3-pointers, and McClenon Tolliver had 12.

Morehead St. 71, E. Illinois 63

CHARLESTON, Ill. (AP) — Shaun Williams scored 27 points and Morehead State came back after trailing at halftime to defeat Eastern Illinois 71-63 Wednesday night.

Cordaryl Ballard chipped in another 13 points for the Eagles (6-4, 3-1 Ohio Valley Conference).

Morehead State fell behind by as much as 15 points with less than 5 minutes left in the first half before clawing its way back.

Eastern Illinois (4-8, 1-4) led 29-28 at halftime and was lead in scoring by Romain Martin, who had 18 points. The only other player in double digits for the Panthers was Jon Tee Willhite, with 12.

OVC CONFERENCE STANDINGS	
School	OVC (Overall)
Samford	2-0 (4-4)
Tennessee St.	2-0 (4-5)
Eastern Ky.	3-0 (8-3)
Morehead State	3-0 (6-4)
Murray State	3-1 (5-7)
Austin Peay	2-1 (4-6)
Tennessee Tech	1-2 (5-5)
Jacksonville St.	1-3 (3-7)
UT-Martin	1-3 (3-10)
Eastern Illinois	1-4 (4-8)
Southeast Mo.	1-4 (3-9)

Vanderbilt 75, Tennessee Tech 62

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Ted Skuchas scored 16 points to lead Vanderbilt to a 75-62 win Wednesday against Tennessee Tech in a San Juan Shootout semifinal.

One of eight players to score in double figures, Skuchas was 7-for-9 from the field and added six rebounds for the Commodores. Alex Gordon added 15 points.

Belton Rivers led Tennessee Tech (5-5) with 14 points. Anthony Fisher added 13, and Amadi McKenzie had 11.

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range. The 6-foot-1 Baton Rouge, La., native is even better inside the arc, shooting 62.7 percent from two-point range.

Smith, meanwhile, is 10th in the league in scoring at 13.8 ppg., and leads the Bulldogs in assists at almost five per outing. The 6-2 senior is shooting 54 percent from the floor.

Despite the exploits of Gulina and Smith, Samford ranks just ninth in the 11-team OVC in scoring with an average of just 63.6 ppg. However, the Bulldogs rank fourth in the league in points allowed, giving up only 66.9 per contest.

Converting offensively against the methodical Bulldogs, who typically slow the game down with their Princeton-style offense, is a concern of first-year Murray head coach Billy Kennedy.

"Everybody gets enamored with their offense. But they're a pretty good defensive team," Kennedy said of Samford. "My biggest concern is scoring against them. They play a different style defensively — a lot like Boston College, where they just kind of pack it in, switch everything and make you beat them from the outside."

"We've got to push it and score in transition, and we've got to make open shots because they're going to give you open shots," he added.

Scoring has been somewhat of a problem for the Racers at times during their 5-7 start, which has produced a 3-1 mark in OVC play. MSU is fifth in the conference in scoring (65.6 ppg.), but has been prone to long scoring droughts as it continues to seek some continuity in its lineup.

The Racer roster is currently in flux as it tries to adjust to the recent additions of guards Kevin

Thomas and Ray George, and prepares for the possibility of being without forward Shawn Witherspoon, its most experienced player, for a substantial amount of time.

Witherspoon, who is averaging 9.8 ppg., and leads the team in rebounding (5.3 boards per game), left Tuesday's win over Jacksonville State with 9:36 left in the second half after re-aggravating his left foot, which was broken in last March's NCAA Tournament game against North Carolina.

The 6-5 senior has been laboring with the injury all season since having surgery on the foot in the offseason. Kennedy said the team's medical personnel will re-evaluate Witherspoon's foot to determine the next course of action.

"Shawn's been playing hurt all year, and he's doing the best he can," Kennedy claimed. "It's been almost eight months (since the injury). I've never seen anything like it. But we've got to get him to a doctor and see why it's not healed. ... We've got to do what's best for him."

Following tonight's game, the Racers will take off for the remainder of the holiday season before returning to action on Jan. 2 at Eastern Illinois. MSU, which will also be on the road on Jan. 4 at Tennessee State, will not play another home game until Jan. 8, when it hosts rival Southeast Missouri State.

According to Kennedy, the Racers will use the time off wisely.

"We'll have a good week of practice after (Christmas) and try to find out who needs to play for us and who can help us win," he explained. "We may have another group with a different look. I just don't know how it will turn out, but we've got to figure it out."

SWIMMING ROUNDUP

Wellness Center hosts first local meet

SIMMONS PLACES FIRST IN BUTTERFLY

Staff Report

The Calloway High School swim team participated in its first local meet last Friday at the Murray Wellness Center.

Murray High School hosted the meet, which also included teams from Trigg County and Marshall County.

Senior Kayla Simmons placed first in the 100-yard butterfly and second the 100-yard backstroke. Sophomore Dylan Fry placed fifth in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Calloway Middle School swimmer Robbie Canning placed second in the 200-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard freestyle. Seventh grade swimmer Kristen Dennis placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle and ninth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Haley Dodd placed eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100-yard freestyle, and Katlyn Cook placed eighth in both the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke. Sixth grader Peyton Mays placed 13th in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100 backstroke.

The Lakers will be back in action at the MSU Wellness Center on Dec. 28 before competing at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Wellness Center on Jan. 11.

KENTUCKY ROUNDUP

UK Hoops ends homestand with Southern

WILDCATS MEET JAGUARS AT 6 TONIGHT IN MEMORIAL COLISEUM

By UK Sports Information
LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Kentucky women's basketball team closes out a four-game homestand tonight when it plays host to Southern in its third game in five days.

It also will mark UK's final home game before the new year. Tip-off in Memorial Coliseum is set for 6 p.m. The game will be carried live on the Big Blue Sports Network.

Kentucky (7-3) is coming off an 84-37 win over Mississippi Valley State on Tuesday. The Wildcats will be looking for their fourth consecutive win when they face the Jaguars.

Junior center Sarah Elliott led a strong inside presence for the Cats against MVSU with a game-high 21 points, while freshman forward Lydia Watkins brought down 10 rebounds. Senior guard Jenny Pfeiffer added 15 points. She has combined for 30 points and seven 3-pointers in her last two games.

Junior guard Samantha Mahoney leads three Wildcats scoring in double figures with 13.1 ppg. Elliott and sophomore point guard Carly Ormerod follow with 12.6 and 10.9 ppg, respectively.

Ormerod is currently on a streak of 16 made free-throws. Senior forward/center Jennifer Humphrey leads the team in rebounding with 8.9 rpg, while Elliott is second with 8.6 rpg.

Today's game marks the first-ever meeting between Kentucky and Southern University (Baton Rouge, La.). The Wildcats are 3-0 against members of Southern's Southwestern Athletic Conference. UK has faced Alabama State, Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Mississippi Valley State in its three previous games.

Southern is 0-7 on the season, having dropped a 61-46 decision in its first home game of the year against South Alabama on Dec. 9. Junior center Frederika Lewis leads the team in scoring, averaging 11.3 ppg with a team-high 11 blocks on the year. Junior forward Krystal Huggins is the squad's leading rebounder with 5.5 rpg.

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association with his coach's name, the first that came to his mind was "excitement."

"A lot of people don't see it, but he gets worked up," Woodyard said. "Sometimes you need it."

Brooks says what resonates with this Kentucky team isn't tone but pride. After LSU steamrolled the Wildcats 49-0 on Oct. 14, the coach had a heart-to-heart with his players that apparently got through. They won four straight before losing narrowly at Tennessee in the season finale.

"I was very disturbed and upset after that game," Brooks said of the LSU loss. "I went in on Sunday, basically got up in front of the team and told them we were soft. We weren't tough enough, not physical enough."

Brooks knows the bowl challenge won't be easy. Clemson has a more dominant running back than any Southeastern Conference foe other than perhaps Arkansas, he says, and a defense among the nation's best.

But, win or lose, Brooks is

talking about postseason football at Kentucky. His players are getting a few extra weeks of practice. Would-be recruits get to watch the team play on national television.

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8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Gonzaga vs. Duke, at New York
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Pictured standing from left are Hannah Cochran, Alexis Lowdermilk, Addey Griffo, Claire Pitman, Brooke Salley, Chelsea Campbell and Claire Barnett. Pictured seated from left are Courtney Billington, Alexandra Horrobin, Catherine Crass and LaShae Brown. The MHS Dance Team (MHS Golden Girls) is coached by Kara Byrn Dowdy and Jennifer Jones.

MHS Dance Team finishes fourth in UDA hip hop competition

Special to the Ledger

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — The Murray High Dance Team recently claimed fourth place overall in the Varsity Hip Hop division in the UDA Smoky Mountain Classic Competition in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The MHS Golden Girls competed against nine other team in that particular division, the largest category in dance. Warren County Central (Ky., and a 2005 national top ten recipient),

claimed first and Farragut (Tenn., national 2005 top ten recipient) captured second place. Wayne Co. Tenn., (third), Wilson Central, Tenn., (fifth), Tullahoma, Tenn., (sixth), Ooltewah, Tenn., (seventh), Dade Co., Tenn., (eighth), and Berea Community, Ky., (ninth), were the other winning recipients during the weekend tournament.

Jennifer Jones, MHS co-head dance coach, said the girls have

put in many hours of practice.

"Their hard work is paying off," she said. "They are a truly gifted and dedicated group of young ladies."

Kara Byrn Dowdy, MHS co-head dance coach, said now it is time to prepare for the AmeriDance Internationals in March. "If you have not seen the girls perform this year, you should come watch them," she said. "They are amazing."

Murray Art Guild activities announced

— Beginning Oil Painting - Monday thru Thursday, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. Local artist Mary Fuhrmann will focus on the basic materials and techniques of oil painting. A great opportunity for beginners or a good refresher for others.

Participation is limited. Call 270-753-4059 or e-mail murrayartguild@murray-ky.net for registration and more information.

— Basic Jewelry Techniques - Saturday, Feb. 10 and Saturday Feb. 17, 10 a.m. - noon. Instructor Beverly Kietzke will introduce participants to the basics of making wire jewelry with beads using special tools to create their own wearable art.

Participation limited. Call 270-753-4059 or e-mail murrayartguild@murray-ky.net for registration and more information.

Both workshops will be held at the guild's new location at 500 N. 4th St., Murray. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Also, check out www.murrayartguild.org and stop by to browse the new gift gallery.

Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday and including Saturday, Dec. 23, after which, the guild will be closed for the holidays and reopening for an exciting new season on Jan. 16.

Promotional clips from 'The Nativity Story' air at holiday bazaar

CHICAGO (AP) — A trailer for a movie depicting the birth of Jesus played at a holiday bazaar Wednesday afternoon but went largely unnoticed by the lunch-going crowd, despite early city concerns that it represented paid advertising that could offend non-Christians.

A religious group showed the clips from "The Nativity Story" at the traditional German Christkindlmarket after the city dropped an objection to the display.

The trailer wasn't displayed on anything fancy; the TV looked like one a teacher might turn on for a class of third-graders. The television had no sound, so viewers could only watch images flash across the screen.

The few passersby who did pause to watch dismissed the trailer as advertising and moved on.

Joe Kessler called the display "a marketing ploy."

"They're doing it to try to

get people to buy tickets," Kessler, 25, said. "As you could say, that's the American way — making money."

New Line Cinema had agreed to pay \$12,000 to Christkindlmarket organizers to continuously play the movie trailer at the bazaar.

Responding to the city's concerns, the organizers and movie studio canceled their deal.

But an organization called Civil Liberties for Urban Believers, representing a group of Chicago churches, obtained a city permit Tuesday to show the movie trailer at its own display at the bazaar, said the group's spokesman, Thomas Ciesielka.

Ciesielka said his group was able to secure a permit because its display isn't commercial. The city risked violating religious speech statutes if they denied the request, he said.

Cindy Gatzolis, a spokeswoman for the city's office of special events, said she could provide no information on the

decision.

New Line Cinema, a unit of Time Warner Inc., has provided no money to the church group or the bazaar, said Christina Kounelias, executive vice president of the film company.

She said the original decision to cancel the trailer was "probably well-intentioned."

"In an effort to be politically correct they behaved incorrectly," she said Tuesday.

Around the country, Christmas displays on public property have become an annual source of contention, forcing elected officials to approach them cautiously.

Last week, 14 plastic Christmas trees were restored at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after officials received assurances they wouldn't be brought in to court. The trees had been removed because a Jewish rabbi threatened to sue over the lack of a menorah in the airport's holiday display.

Web site this week that she has been hard at work writing scenes, some of which she planned more than 12 years ago.

"I am alternately elated and overwrought. I both want and don't want to finish this book (don't worry, I will)," she wrote.

She gave no new clues about

what will happen in the book, which is expected to be published next year. Previously she said two characters will die, and hinted Harry might not survive.

Rowling said she has been asked for years if she ever dreams she is in the boy wizard's world.

WKMS Presents Music From the Front Porch, Live and In Concert Jan. 20

The listener supported public radio service of Murray State University, WKMS-FM, presents the 2007 Music From the Front Porch Concert, Saturday, Jan. 20. The concert offers live bluegrass music in an intimate acoustical setting. This concert is also being produced as a one-hour feature program for KET. Murray State's Broadcast Media Services Department is responsible for the video production.

Seating begins at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m. at Robert E. Johnson Theatre, near the corner of 15th & Olive Streets on the campus of Murray State University. This year's event features the bluegrass rhythms of Kentucky favorites Bawn in the Mash and The McKendrees.

Bawn in the Mash is an acoustic string band that hails from our own western Kentucky region. Formed in 2004, The Mash consists of Josh

Coffey on violin and mandolin, Nathan Lynn on guitar and bass, Tommy Oliverio on mandolin, and harmonica, Alex Faught on banjo, and Eddie Coffey on bass and resophonic guitar.

The McKendrees are a western Kentucky bluegrass family band based in Marshall County. The group includes Jason McKendree on banjo, Jessalyn McKendree on vocals and fiddle, Justin McKendree on vocals and mandolin, Ricky McKendree on guitar, and Ron Barnett on bass.

Front Porch hosts John McMillen and Mark Welch are emcees for the concert.

They alternate producing, Music From the Front Porch, Saturdays at 10 a.m. on WKMS. The show has entertained listeners throughout the Four Rivers region for nearly 30 years with a mix of folk, bluegrass, acoustic and western swing.

Also that evening beginning at 6 p.m., the station hosts a silent auction featuring items ranging from hand-designed jewelry to lawn mower engines donated by area businesses.

All proceeds from the auction benefit WKMS.

Tickets are \$10 at the door only. Seating is limited and by general admission.

You can learn more about Music From the Front Porch, and see the entire WKMS schedule at www.wkms.org.

WKMS is Murray State University's listener supported public radio service and NPR affiliate at 91.3 FM. The station also airs on 92.1 FM, Paducah; 99.5 FM, Paris, Tennessee; and 101.5 FM, Madisonville, and online at wkms.org, where the station offers extensive web resources regarding its programming and more.

For further information call 800-599-4737.

KET's WinterPledge 2006 raised more than \$468,000 to post record amount

Special to the Ledger

WinterPledge 2006, KET's on-air membership drive held Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 2-7, far exceeded its goal this year with more than \$468,000 in pledges — the highest WinterPledge total to date. A record number of Kentuckians pledged their financial support of KET programs and services, and more than 51 percent of this year's WinterPledge donors are new members of KET.

Three of the programs receiving the most viewer response during this drive were "Celtic Woman"; "American Soundtrack 'Doo Wop's Best on PBS'"; and "A Kentucky Life Special, Dr. Clark's Kentucky Treasures."

"We extend a heartfelt thank you to KET's 29,000-mem-

ber family," said Michele Ripley, president of the Commonwealth Fund for KET. "Their support, together with that of our phone volunteers, sponsors and in-kind donors, is a direct reflection of the values they find on KET quality programs that inform and inspire and are safe for the whole family."

The private funds raised dur-

ing WinterPledge advance the mission and services of KET. They enable KET to continue delivering programs for and about Kentucky as well as national PBS favorites.

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WKRN-ABC	2	2			(5:00) News		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly	The View (N) [E]
WSIL-ABC	3	3	3		News		Good Morning America				Rachael Ray	The View (N) [E]
WISN-TV	4	4			News		Today (In Stereo) [E]					The 700 Club [E]
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News		News		The Early Show	Montel Williams	The Price Is Right	Talk- Y & R
WPSD-NBC	6	6	6	6	News		Today (In Stereo) [E]					Martha (N) [E]
WBBJ-ABC	7	7	7		Good Morning		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly	The View (N) [E]
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Rogers	Calliou	Lions	Arthur	Couch	Teletub	Sesame Street	Bob Big
KBSI-Fox	9	9	2	3	Paid		Myster-	Myster-	Court	Court	Judge Mathis	People's Court
WQTV-CW	10	17	11	30	Paid	Chris-	Breakfast Show				Nanny Mad Abt.	Megan Mullally
KFYI-CBS	12	12	12	12	Breakfast Show		The Early Show (In Stereo) [E]				Regis and Kelly	The Price Is Right
WGN	16	38	9	10	Van	Believ-	Hillbill-	Hillbill-	Rockford Files	Magnum, P.I.	Homicide: Life	De Vinci's Inquest
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WDKA-MNT	22	16	10		Chapel	Griffith	Liberty's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Believ-	Girl- One
ESPN	24	29	26	8	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	25	30	25		(5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (Live)						Cold Pizza (In Stereo Live)	Cold Pizza
MTV	26	49	27	24	Video Wake-Up		TRL		The Big Ten	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna
TNT	28	27	39	14	Angel "Billy" [E]		Charmed [E]		Charmed [E]	ER "Blizzard" [E]	ER "The Gift" [E]	Judging Amy [E]
TLC	29	41			Hi-5 [E]	Bus	Bigfoot	Peep [E]	Baby	Baby	Mother Baby	Little
LIFE	30	52	31	31	Fit Lite	Workout	Nanny Nanny	Golden	Golden	Golden	Fraser	Will
USA	32	51	49	5	JAG "Jaggle Bells"		Texas Ranger		Texas Ranger		Movie: *** "Beethoven's 2nd" (1993)	Christmas Crl
AMC	34	58	29		Movie: Island in Sky		Movie: *** "The High and the Mighty" (1954) John Wayne.				The St. Valentine's Day Massacre "NR"	
A&E	35	35	44	27	The District "Pilot"		CSI: Miami [E]		CSI: Miami [E]		CSI: Miami [E]	CSI: Miami "Legal"
FAM	36	53	36	2	Movie: "Once Upon a Christmas" (2000)		Movie: "Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001)				Gilmore Girls [E]	Full Hse. Full Hse.
NICK	37	22	24	4	Phan-	OddPar-	Sponge	Sponge	Dora	Go	Blues- Back-	Pets Dora
HGTV	43	36	18		Design-	Painted	Painted	Quilts	Duvali	Duvali	Room Scrap-	Knitty Creative
SPIKE	44	33	30	23	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager
WTBS	52	26	11	13	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Dawson's Creek [E]	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	Home Im	Home Im
TOON	65	32	50		Save Christmas	Oliver-Reindeer	Legend of Frosty		Looney Tunes		Powerpuff Girls	Poke- Ben 10
COURT	66	61			Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Bloom & Pollan: Open Court		Best Defense	
BET	67	39			(5:00) BET Morning Inspiration		Wayans	Wayans	Jamie F.	Jamie F.	106 & Park: Top 10 Live	Blk
CMTV	70	34			CMT Music (In Stereo)							Top 20 Countdown
HBO	69	71	51		(5:45) Movie: *** "U.S. Marshals" (1998)		Do You Believe		Dream-	Movie: *** "The Island" (2005) PG-13	Pride	
MAX	76	72	54		Movie: Sweet Rosie		Movie: *** "True Girl" (1969) "G" [E]				Movie: *** "Roll Bounce" (2005) [E]	"Simply Irresistible"
SHOW	70	73	52		Movie: *** "Troll 2" (1992) [E]		Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow				Movie: *** "Cold Dog Soup" [E]	He's My
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FLIX	76				Movie: Lone Wolf		Movie: *** "Head" (1968) [E]		Movie: *** "Eight Men Out" (1988) PG		"Curse of the Pink Panther"	
HBO2	62				(5:35) Movie: "Small Soldiers"		Movie: "As Good as Dead" [E]		Movie: *** "Losing Isaiah" (1995) R		Movie: "Elizabeth I"	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON												
A-CHARTER, B-MURRAY ELECTRIC, C-MEDIACOM, D-GALAXY												
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WKRN-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Judge J.	Judge J.	News	News	ABC	News	Fortune		
WSIL-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Dr. Keith Ablow	Montel Williams	News	ABC	News	ABC	News	Enter-	
WISN-TV	News	Passions (N) [E]	Days of our Lives	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	News	News		
WTVF-CBS	Y & R	Bold	As World Turns	Guiding Light [E]	Rachael Ray	News	Inside	News	News	News		
WPSD-NBC	Days of our Lives	Passions (N) [E]	Inside	Insider	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Jeop-	Million-	News	News	News	Fortune	
WBBJ-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC	News	ABC	News	Fortune	
WNPT-PBS	Berens-	Lions	Reading Cyber-	Shrinks	Zoboo	Dragon	Clifford	Curious	Maya	Fetch	Arthur	News-Lehrer
KBSI-Fox	Judge	Judge	The 700 Club [E]	Paid	Cops [E]	Maury [E]	70s	70s	King	Jim	King Hill	Simp-
WQTV-CW	Enter-	Holly-	News	House	Paid	Animal	What I	What I	Reba [E]	Reba [E]	Greg Behrnt	Holly-
KFYI-CBS	News	Bold	As World Turns	Guiding Light [E]	Ellen Show	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	News	Ray-	
WGN	WGN News	Greg Behrnt	Home Videos	Home Videos	Moesha	Cosby	Even	Lizzie	Home	Home	Home Videos	
INSP	Life Tod	Fellow-	Paid	Paid	Passion	Mass	Bed	Discov-	Steelroots	Mis-	Hagee	Mis-
WKMU-PBS	Math	Danger	Reading Lions	Arthur	Fetch	Cyber-	Maya	Clifford	Dragon	Math	Bu-	News-Lehrer
WDKA-MNT	Bernie	Bernie	Jerry Springer	Feud	Feud	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	People's Court	Basketball		
ESPN	NFL's Greatest Game [E]	Madden	1st and	Lines	NFL	Burning	Horn	Inter-	SportsCenter (Live)	NBA		
ESPN2	(11:00) Cold Pizza	Timber	Timber	Timbersport	Paintball	Series of Poker	Series of Poker	Inter-	Bowl			
MTV	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	24/7	Tell	Dis-	Band
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TLC	Younger	Younger	Baby	Baby	Trading Spaces	Chef	Chef	White You Out	Chef	Chef		
LIFE	Movie Road	Movie: "A Town Without Christmas" [E]	Golden	Golden	Still	Still	Reba [E]	Reba [E]	Still	Still		
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AMC	Movie: *** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino. R [E]	Movie: *** "Hidalgo" (2004) Viggo Mortensen. PG-13 [E]										
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WTBS	News-	Cosby	Harvey	Harvey	Home	Home	Yes	Yes	King	King	Seinfeld	Ray-
TOON	Movie: "Casper's Haunted Christmas"	Juniper	Cartoon	Ben 10	Juniper	Poke-	Poke-	XiaoLin	Foster	Ed Edd	Coden-	
COURT	Banfield & Ford: Courtside	Nancy Grace: Closing Arguments	The Center	Wayans	Wayans	Rap City	106 & Park: Top 10 Live	Studio 2				
BET	BET Now [E]											
CMTV	(11:00) Top 20 Countdown (In Stereo)	CMT Power Picks	CMT Giants: Reba (In Stereo)	Char-	Dukes of Hazzard							
HBO	(11:45) Movie: "Pride & Prejudice" PG	Movie: "Tsunami, the Aftermath" [E]	"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" PG	"Inside the NFL" [E]								
MAX	Movie: *** "Monster-in-Law" [E]	Movie: *** "Switch" (1991) R [E]	Movie: "License to Drive" [E]	Movie: "Who's the Man?" R								
SHOW	Movie: He's My Girl	Movie: "Swimming Upstream" (2001)	Movie: "Enduring Love" R	Movie: "Duane Hopwood" R	Sky Captain-World							
DISN	Timon	Buzz	Whis-	Proud	Dragon	Kim	Sister	Raven	Raven	Life	Suite	Mon-
FLIX	Movie: Dr. Goldfoot & Bikini Machine	My Best Friend Is a Vampire	Movie: "Lone Wolf McQuade" (1983)	Movie: "Wonderwall" (1969)								
HBO2	Movie: Elizabeth I	Movie: "Small Time Crooks"	Movie: *** "Small Soldiers" (1998) [E]	Dis-	Movie: "The War of the Roses" (1989)							

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Looking Back

10 years ago

Fire destroyed the home of George Catlett on North Fourth Street on Dec. 19. This fire was contained after four hours by the Murray Fire Department with the assistance of Calloway County Fire-Rescue and off duty MFD firemen.

Births reported include a boy to Greg and Keisha McKendree, Dec. 10; a boy to Amy and Scott Svebakken, Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Gene) Hinz are today observing their 50th wedding anniversary.

Murray State University Racers lost 61-54 to St. Louis in a basketball game at St. Louis, Mo. High scorer for Murray was Vincent Rainey.

20 years ago

The Murray City Council approved the purchase of about nine acres of land on the north and northeast side of the Murray City Cemetery from Howard and G.T. Brandon for \$30,000 and from Bob Melugin for \$40,000.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Pickens, Nov. 24; a girl to Theresa and Billy Harris, Dec. 18.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers won 59-57 over Murray Tigers and Calloway Lady Lakers won 65-26 over Murray Lady Tigers. High team scorers were Corey Wells and Joana Gibbs for the Lakers and Mark West and Amy Long for the Tigers.

30 years ago

Fire leveled a warehouse-apartment building at 312 North Fourth St., last night with damages estimating at well over \$120,000. The building, owned by Hafford James, provided 10 apartments on the top floor for students and storage space for inventory and

other items connected with T.V. Service Center in the Central Center, also owned by James.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rayburn will be married 50 years Dec. 25.

In the Calloway County High School Invitational Basketball Tournament, Calloway Lakers won 59-46 and Calloway Lady Lakers won 54-29 over the Hickman County Falcons teams. High scorers for the Lakers were Jimmy Lamb and Mina Todd and for the Falcons were Dixon and Betts.

40 years ago

General Carbon and Graphite, Inc. will locate in Murray, according to a telephone message to *The Ledger & Times* from Joe A. Wallace, Louisville, president of the company. William Harvey and Richard Margeson will be the managers for the firm in Murray.

The patients at West View Nursing Home have been working since October making Christmas gifts for 53 boys and girls at the Paradise Friendly Home near Tri-City.

50 years ago

Lt. Robert Francis (Bob) Shaffer of Cumberland, Md., made a forced landing at 8 p.m. on Dec. 21 in his TV-2 jet trainer on the farm of Paul Blalock about three miles north of Hazel. He was not injured and the plane suffered little visible damage. He was returning to his base at Jacksonville, Fla., when the incident occurred.

Mrs. Bill Edwards, Mrs. Vernon Roberts, Mrs. Brooks Lawrence and Mrs. Clifton Harrell presented a special program at a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Martin's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Parents who try to be friends with kids often lose control

DEAR ABBY: Here I go, sounding like an old fogey, but "Feeling Lost and Guilty" (11/5), who said she and her loudmouthed, snotty son are "best friends," has brought her problem on herself. The No. 1 problem of parents today is



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

that they try to be friends with their children rather than parents. Back when I was his age, parents were parents to their children -- not friends. There is a difference!

She asked how to undo what she has done. She now knows there is a difference between being a parent and being a friend, something she should have realized 14 years ago.

I see that all too often in parents today, including my own daughter, whose teenage daughters walk all over her because "it's easier and less stressful" to allow it than provide guidance. In cases like this, the cart is down the path and the horse is still in the barn.

— DISAPPOINTED GRANDFATHER, EASTON, PA.

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: You are correct in saying that some parents shirk their responsibility by refusing to be firm with their children as well as

responsible role models. However, before painting all parents of children with social problems with the same broad brush, please read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for advising the mother of "Todd," the teen who doesn't know how to keep his mouth shut, to seek an evaluation. If the boy has a problem with empathy, it could be that he has Asperger's syndrome, an increasingly more common form of mild autism. This is a social disability, often more noticeable in the teenage years, when social expectations are more sophisticated. I should know -- I am a school psychologist and also the mother of a 13-year-old with Asperger's. — MOM IN BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: It's time that mother, whose son hasn't learned that "discretion is the better part of valor," teach her son "active listening" skills. These include reading body language and nonverbal cues, withholding opinions until all facts are in, and learning to discern when someone actually wants to hear our opinion vs. just wanting to vent. (I have had some really bad employers who could have benefited from that last one.)

I learned active listening skills more than 30 years ago as a peer counselor in junior high school, and while I was able to adapt some of the skills immediately, others have taken literally decades to sink in. However, this is why we plant seeds. Some bloom right away, while others take time to germinate. — HAPPY ACTIVE LISTENER

DEAR ABBY: My son has Asperger's, and one of the traits of this condition is the person is very literal in his or her speech and usually says whatever comes to mind. These young people do not understand the social taboo of being brutally honest. (I am not saying that her child has Asperger's syndrome.) We have to try to teach our kids to not say everything that comes to mind in public as well.

One method that I have found helpful is social role playing. That mother can make up situations and role-play how her son might respond so that the other person's feelings are not hurt. We have to practice with our kids. This is not a "common sense" that is learned just by mimicking what others do.

These children often do not understand the "little white lies" that we tell in polite society. On the other hand, if you want an honest answer as to whether you look fat, just ask an Aspie! — PROUD MOTHER OF AN ASPIE IN MONTANA

Did Mexican treatments cure woman's cancer?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several weeks ago, you printed a letter from a gentleman whose wife had terminal cancer and he was wondering what to do. You mentioned (in a very unfavorable manner) the possibility of seeking alternative treatment in Mexico. I would like to respond to some of your comments.

First of all, you mention that the treatments are unproven. I personally have seen many, many successful treatments. You certainly have to admit that not all treatments here in the United States are successful, either. I do understand that they have not met our standards as far as testing is concerned.

You also mention they are expensive. Let me tell you my experience. My first nine treatments (spread over a period of three years) cost approximately the same as my last chemo treatment (of which there were a total of six). Now which seems expensive to you? Unfortunately, because these treatments are not allowed here, there are always travel, lodging and food expenses to add, which is what makes it expensive!

As far as being uncomfortable — this is the area where you are completely off base. I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1996 and did the regular chemo routine. It made me so ill I nearly died and said I would never do that again. When it reoccurred in 1998, I decid-

ed (after lots of prayers) to go to Mexico. I have never felt bad in any way from my treatments there. Before I started there, I was told by my doctor here that I would feel fairly well for six to nine months, and then it would be downhill. In July it was seven years, so I feel that is a pretty good response, and I am very thankful for it.

Unfortunately, I think there is another reason this is not pursued, and this one causes me great grief. Why would our oncologists, cardiac surgeons, internists and especially the pharmaceutical companies be interested in safe, easy, cheap treatments that would threaten their incomes? This does not just apply to cancer. I have seen fantastic results in cardiovascular disease, Parkinson's disease, lupus and diabetes.

I'm sure by now you think I am a fruitcake, but I am a registered nurse, and I feel I can judge quite fairly what I see. I truly feel God led me to go down there, because, until I did, I felt anyone who even considered it had lost their mind.

DEAR READER: It's difficult for me to make a judgment in your case because you had some standard chemotherapy in the United States. This might have been curative. Or you may simply be one of the lucky patients whose cancer went into spontaneous remission. Without knowing the drugs you were given in Mexico, I cannot comment on their effectiveness.

It is my understanding that patients who rely on unproven "cures" tend to die somewhat earlier than do patients who receive standard therapy. Therefore, in many respects you were fortunate, and I am glad that your outcome was positive.

Contract Bridge

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			EAST		
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♥ J 9 8 3			♥ 5 4		
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♣ A Q 10 8 4			♣ K		
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♦ 10 9 5 4 2			♦ 6		
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The bidding:		
North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.
Declarer is not expected to play every hand as though all 52 cards are exposed, but, despite this, he should only rarely fail to get the most out of a hand.

The nature of the game is such that sound reasoning is usually well-rewarded. If declarer realizes after a hand is over that he went down in a contract he could have made, he should review his plays objectively to see whether he could reasonably have found the winning line of play.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Crosswords

ACROSS

- Beaver project
- "We try harder" folk
- Roller coaster
- Ms. Falco
- Payment option
- Make an offer
- Fortune
- Inexpensive wheels
- More feasible
- Thole filler
- Woman's shoe
- "Aye, aye" follower
- Sizzle
- Cheaper
- Rev the engine
- "I knew it"
- Consequently
- Many millennia
- Scare word
- Midwestern st.
- Paulo
- Distress signal
- Theater cheer
- Write on glass

- tail cocktail
- Patron or Greenspan
- Sushi morsel
- Main idea
- Tusked animal
- Carnivores
- Freud topic
- Ms. McEntire
- Was, to Ovid
- Perched
- Ballard and Moss
- 007
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- Get — of that junk!

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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	RAG	OXIDE
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- Big Ben numeral
- "Scream" director — Craven
- Famous Khan
- Most of the earth
- Music genre
- Farm abode
- Via

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2006. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 7:22 p.m. EST.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

On this date: In 1804, British statesman Benjamin Disraeli was born in London.

In 1913, the first crossword puzzle was published in the New York World.

In 1942, the Supreme Court ruled all states had to recognize divorces granted in Nevada.

In 1948, the state of Eire, or Ireland (formerly the Irish Free State), declared its independence.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary General.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered

tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1995, the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control.

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Retailers try to curb, handle angry Christmas shoppers

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NEW YORK (AP) — 'Tis the season to be ... angry?

The countdown to Christmas has dwindled to the single digits: As the mall crowds have worsened, so has the stress on shoppers faced with a creeping deadline to buy gifts — and they're increasingly taking that stress out on salespeople.

Now merchants from toy sellers to electronics chains have buckled down to deal with irate shoppers. Their strategies vary but the goal is generally the same: to keep customers happy (and from wrestling each other in the aisles) and employees safe.

"We've all done it: I know I've lost my temper, and everyone else has probably done it," said Ernest Speranza, chief marketing officer of KB Toys. "At this time of year, people start out with all the best intentions. They're busy buying toys for a young child. They're happy about doing that. Then they get caught up in the frenzy ... and a nice experience now starts to spiral out of control."

With shoppers procrastinating even more this year than last year, according to reports, retailers are bracing for an even bigger rush this weekend — and doing what they can to manage the mad multitudes. Stores have beefed up security and coached their employees in anger management. They're taking the hottest items off the shelves to avoid fights in the aisles. While retailers are reluctant to say how much they're spending to manage the mayhem, they do say the measures are worth it to keep their customers happy, employees sane and stores safe during the busiest time of the year.

Shoppers have become angrier, suggests a recent study by ComPsych Corp., a provider of employee assistance programs. This year, ComPsych has seen a marked increase in the number of acute-stress counseling sessions it provides to retailers related to customer abuse. The number rose 13 percent in 2006 following a 65

percent jump last year.

"During the holiday season, (retailers) bring on people who are less familiar with where products are, how stores operate," said Richard A. Chaifetz, chairman and chief executive of ComPsych. "Shoppers are agitated. Put those together and you create a combustible environment."

On the corner of 34th Street and 7th Avenue in New York, Melanie Marquez took a deep breath as she set down two handfuls of red and white Macy's shopping bags. She had just been shopping at the flagship store of Federated Department Stores Inc.

Marquez, 47, said she made her way to the front of the Macy's checkout line only to find that the register didn't recognize the discounts she expected on a set of towels. After leaving the line to search for the proper sales ticket, Marquez waited another hour to save about \$14 on a receipt that totaled \$450 — that, after putting up a fight.

"Poor Macy's," she said. "You have to be mean to them."

People are "pushy and rude," said 18-year-old Cheryl Warshauer, while shopping in New York. "I try not to be. But they're all so pushy, you have to be pushy back."

This season, fewer retail workers will bear the increased aggression. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of people employed in the retail sector slipped in November, compared to the same month last year. Meanwhile, workers employed by general merchandise stores has dropped to the lowest number since 2002.

To diffuse an incendiary situation before it sparks, KB Toys' Speranza said the chain has stopped putting the year's hottest toys on the shelves altogether. Fisher-Price's T.M.X. Elmo — one of this season's most fought-over items — didn't make it onto shelves until just this week, he said. Instead, KB Toys created a waiting list and called customers one by one as shipments arrived.



Shoppers pass Macy's in New York. As stressed-out shoppers enter the home stretch of the holiday shopping season, retailers are bracing for the rush, and doing what they can to manage the mad multitudes.

Meanwhile, Toys "R" Us Inc. said it puts hot products on display but tries to be sure supply meets demand, said Ron Boire, president of Toys "R" Us in the U.S. Still, there have been periodic shortages of T.M.X. Elmo, Nintendo's new Wii gaming console and Sony's Playstation3, he said.

To keep customers under control — lest a stressed-out shopper become a violent shopper — Boire said the chain beefs up security during the holidays, including hiring plainclothes officers to police its aisles and checkout lines.

Electronics retailer Best Buy Co. preps its employees for the holiday rush with preseason rehearsals.

Customers who normally come to

browse or toy with Best Buy's interactive displays, "during the holidays, they come with a purpose," said Ryan Seymour, general manager of a Best Buy store in Alexandria, Va. "They're aggressive."

So a few days before Black Friday — the day after Thanksgiving that marks the start of the holiday shopping season — Best Buy stores do a "dry run" of the frenzy. Seasonal employees are made to wait in their respective departments when, at once, the other employees bully their way toward the department with a flood of questions. Employees are "armed with a strategy" for organization and inventory, Seymour said.

And the crowds won't be going away after Dec. 25. The nation's

retailers are set to expand hours next week to accommodate the post-Christmas shopper rush, which has been increasing in recent years with the popularity of gift cards. That means the stress on employees continues, and retailers are keeping holiday season measures intact.

At a street vendor's table in New York, Lourdes Maria Gonzalez haggled for a bottle of perfume. After settling for the \$10 price, she hurriedly stashed the canister in a stroller where her 3-month-old son slept and slung a large bag of wrapped presents over her shoulder.

"Everything is a rush," she said. "I'm behind. After Christmas, I'll still be doing Christmas shopping."

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