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**HAPPY**

Becky Dye Phil York Patty Jack Kyle Sowell Kim Jackson Anita Riggan Bob Bradshaw

H  **LIDAYS**

Ricky Deatherage Sandra Trotter Ruth Lester Brenda Osborne Tom Brown Bill Riggs
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Dixie Gibson
Patsy Jackson

CHEERS...

Two deputies in the Circuit Court Clerk's office have returned to work after undergoing recent surgeries. Welcome back to **Bill Riggs** and **Cathy Garrett**. Meantime, bookkeeper **Deborah Hennessee** is at home recovering from a serious foot injury she sustained in an automobile accident last month.

Congratulations to **Mark Herring** of our Circuit Court Clerk's office staff on becoming a new uncle. Mark's sister **Janet Overton** gave birth to daughter **Jordyn Brooke Overton** on Dec. 2 at Baptist Hospital. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20.75 inches. The proud daddy is **Mike Overton**.

...TEARS

We are saddened by the death of **Augusta (Gussie) Cloyd**, mother of former Circuit Court Clerk chief administrative assistant **Carole Garrett** and grandmother of our systems analyst **Mike Garrett**. Ms. Cloyd passed away on Dec. 8 at the age of 79.

Condolences as well to **Suzanne Parker**, a deputy clerk in our Circuit Court Clerk's office, whose mother **Henrietta Billington Bruce** passed on Dec. 2 at the age of 85. She was also the mother of attorney **William Bruce**.

Holiday Business Schedule

All judicial offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but will re-open on Thursday, Dec. 26 with normal hours of operation.

No business will be conducted on New Year's Day. The first day of business in 2003 will be Thursday, Jan. 2.

Moving? Inform Clerk's Office

Attention attorneys.

The Circuit Court Clerk's office strives to maintain up-to-date information on members of the bar doing business with the state civil courts. In order to accomplish this, it is important that attorneys inform the office of new addresses when they relocate, as well as changes in telephone numbers.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Circuit Web Site Address Changing

Starting Jan. 2, the Circuit Court Clerk's web site address will change. You will find us then at: www.nashville.gov/circuit.

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BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Circuit Court Clerk

- 19 Brian Kahrs
- 24 Lisa Nolan
- 27 Christy Allen
- 28 Byron Gill
- 29 Deborah Hennessee

Probate Clerk

- 7 Phil York

General Sessions

- 1 Veronica Edmondson
- 16 Cindy Milligan
- 30 Connie Colley

Traffic Violations

- 2 Bessie Fox
- 15 Ron Gibson

Ruben Children Will Take Mom's Place

CHRISTMAS COURT WON'T BE SAME WITHOUT MYRA

As the only Jewish member of the General Sessions Court, Judge Leon Ruben will hold court on Christmas Day again this year.

But for the first time in 32 years, it won't be the same.

Ruben's lifemate, Myra, will be missing. Her gallant fight against cancer was lost on November 25 at the age of 66.

In her stead, the Rubens' children will be present to hand out the candy cane reindeer personally prepared by Myra each year for those who have to be in court on the Christian holiday.

Myra began the tradition many years ago after she decided to join her husband's volunteer effort to allow fellow Christian judges to be with their families on Christmas Day. In so doing, she duplicated the favor for court officers who otherwise would be on duty.

Judge Ruben attributes his success in life to his beloved wife of 47 years who, he says, was always behind him, pushing him along. No doubt, her memory will continue that tradition as well.

While there are no regular court dockets during the holiday season, matters of a judicial nature must still be addressed. So, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 25, the spirit of the season will be blending with the administration of justice in the Criminal Justice Center.

It will just be a little different without Myra.

When the General Sessions judges sat down for a Christmas breakfast hosted by their secretaries on Dec. 6, they learned there would



be strings attached. But these strings were attached to musical instruments in the capable hands of young students who make up the **Hull-Jackson Montessorri Magnet School's** stringed orchestra. (Photo at left illustrates the intense concentration of the entire group.) Around 50 music students, ranging from pre-kindergartners to fourth graders, showed the judges and their staffs that Nashville's cultural future is in good hands. Their performance got rave reviews from the guest audience, who also applauded the leadership roles of orchestra director **Ms. Kay Camp** and school principal **Dr.**

Myra's. The secretaries should be happy as well.

Nashville Commissioner **Howard Taradash** underwent triple bypass heart surgery. The commission reported the surgery was performed on Dec. 10, but is reported to be recovering well. He is expected to be between five and six weeks in the hospital.



JURY

TRIAL VERDICTS

ABBREVIATIONS:

P	PLAINTIFF	CP	COUNTER PLAINTIFF
D	DEFENDANT	CD	COUNTER DEFENDANT
NP	NON-PARTY	GSA	GENERAL SESSIONS APPEAL
ST	SOFT TISSUE	PUN	PUNITIVE

APPEALS

Week of November 4

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-1475	AUTO ACCIDENT	2ND	DEFENDANT			
98C-3113	PERSONAL INJURY	3RD	DEFENDANT	(P-75 D-25)		
01C-1868	CONDEMNATION	1ST	D-\$ 7,350			

Week of November 18

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-218	SLIP/FALL	2ND	\$120,000			

Soft Tissue

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-3723	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	1ST		\$13,500			

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of November 12

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-2540	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST	UNDER ADVISEMENT		TRANSFERRED	
00C-3222	WORKERS COMPENSATION	6TH	DEFENPANT			
01C-367	WRIT OF CERT.	8TH	GS SE' ASIDE			
02C-935	GSA/PROPERTY	8TH	UNDER ADVISEMENT		DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF
02C-936	GSA/PROPERTY	8TH	UNDER ADVISEMENT		P-\$3,683	DEFENDANT
01C-3538	WORKERS COMPENSATION	5TH	UNDER ADVISEMENT			
02C-859	GSA/CONTRACT	8TH	\$8,300 + INTEREST		P-\$8,300	DEFENDANT
02C-716	GSA/CONTRACT	8TH	\$4,007		P-\$4,007	DEFENDANT
01C-3773	GSA/PROPERTY DAMAGE	1ST	\$5,050		P-\$10,000	DEFENDANT
01C-3448	WORKERS COMPENSATION	6TH	UMDER ADVISEMENT			
02C-188	WORKERS COMPENSATION	8TH	55% DISABILITY			
02C-407	GSA/CONTRACT	8TH	\$1,157		TRANSFERRED	
01C-3313	WORKERS COMPENSATION1	5THH	UNDER ADVISEMENT			
98C-689	DAMAGES	1ST	\$198,833*			

*--\$98,833 COMPENSATORY, \$100,000 PUNITIVE

Week of November 18

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
99C-2910	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	5TH**	UNDER ADVISEMENT			
99C-3092	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	5TH**	UNDER ADVISEMENT			

Soft Tissue

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-2252	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	2ND**		\$120,000			

**--ORIGINAL JURY TRIAL CASES.



CASE ANALYSES

AUTO ACCIDENTS

PLAINTIFFS 43
DEFENDANTS 9

RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 4.7-1

MONTH-BY-MONTH

MONTH	TOTALS	JURY	NON-JURY	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY-MARCH	17	15	2	13	2	2
APRIL-JUNE	20	13	2	17	2	1
JULY-SEPTEMBER	12	10	2	7	3	2
OCT-NOV	8	7	1	6	2	0

JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	1,342,250	578-945,000	89,235
FEBRUARY	263,905	3,225-258,946	4,734
MARCH	10,000	N/A	N/A
APRIL	49,743	1,000-46,030	2,713
MAY	122,373	0-100,000	12,686
JUNE	73,034	5,032-62,500	34,001
JULY	25,000	N/A	N/A
AUGUST	23,183	23,183-100,000	N/A
SEPTEMBER	103,820	3,820-100,000	N/A
OCTOBER	492,397	3,000-450,000	19,693
NOVEMBER	13,500	N/A	N/A

NON-JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	N/A	N/A	N/A
FEBRUARY	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARCH	2,374	N/A	N/A
APRIL	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAY	1,500	N/A	N/A
JUNE	N/A	N/A	N/A
JULY	60,000	N/A	N/A
AUGUST	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEPTEMBER	5,075	N/A	N/A
OCTOBER	N/A	N/A	N/A
NOVEMBER	5,700	N/A	N/A

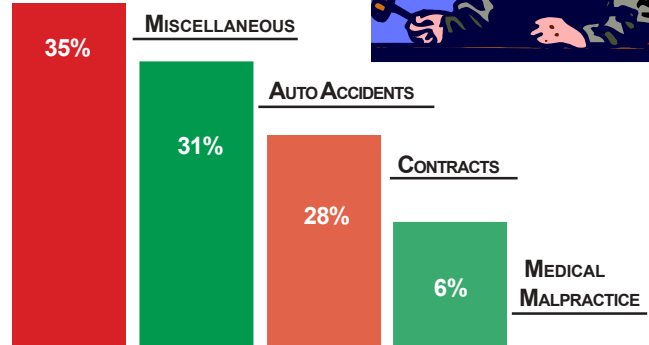
SOFT TISSUE CASES

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	185,578	578-150,000	35,000
FEBRUARY	3,225	N/A	N/A
MARCH	N/A	N/A	N/A
APRIL	1,000	N/A	N/A
MAY	373	0-373	N/A
JUNE	N/A	N/A	N/A
JULY	25,000	N/A	N/A
AUGUST	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEPTEMBER	3,820	N/A	N/A
OCTOBER	8,587	3,000-5,587	N/A
NOVEMBER	19,200	5,700-13,500	N/A

*GENERAL SESSIONS APPEALS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY	10,200	1	0	0
FEBRUARY	9,401	1	1	0
MARCH	12,374	2	0	1
APRIL	N/A	0	1	0
MAY	1,873	2	1	0
JUNE	10,534	2	0	0
JULY	N/A	0	0	0
AUGUST	23,183	1	0	0
SEPT-NOV	0	0	0	0

CIVIL TRIALS By CLASS



DATA BANK

Statistics compiled for the month of November

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	250
JURY	101
NON-JURY	149
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	234
JURY	129
NON-JURY	105
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	205
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	249

General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED	2,803
EXECUTIONS ISSUED	2,729
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS	3,200
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED	\$539,893
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS	194

Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED	132
CASES CLOSED	106

Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS	22,128
PARKING VIOLATIONS	5,457
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	\$360,465
NULLIFICATIONS	1,775
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED	\$21,291

Other Classes



CONTRACTS	YTD	PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS	NO VERDICT
	52	39	2	11

NOVEMBER AWARDS: \$13,464- TOTAL AWARDS TO DATE: \$342,473



MISCELLANEOUS

63

PLAINTIFFS	49.5
DEFENDANTS	10.5
NO VERDICT	15

MALPRACTICE

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PLAINTIFFS	2
DEFENDANTS	6
NO VERDICT	3

