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## Grand Jury indicts 3 murder suspects

By Larry King and Jo Schweikhard  
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More than a month after four suspects were arrested in connection with the Jan. 22 robbery-slaying of Stanley Rowilson, at least three of them were indicted Thursday on murder charges.

Eugene Clay, 23, of 209 N. Bryant St., was indicted by the Boone County Grand Jury on a charge of first-degree murder. Charged with second-degree murder were Ricky Garvel Christian, 24, Sedalia; and Joseph Hatton, 20, of 409 N. Providence Road.

Stanley Shives, 22, St. Louis, also was indicted by the grand jury. The exact charge filed against Shives still is unknown.

Rowilson, a small-time drug dealer, was shot outside his home at 303 N. Ninth St. as he fled from intruders. He died from the wounds a month later.

After more than eight months of investigation, police detectives last month arrested the four men on armed robbery and burglary charges. In the weeks following the arrests, authorities had speculated that further charges

might not be filed.

Eight indictments were handed down by the grand jury Thursday. Two involved the Oct. 24 fatal stabbing of Patricia Robinson and the June 4 shooting death of Ralph Busby.

Alveris Barbee, 30, of 1904B Creasy Springs Road, has been charged with killing Mrs. Robinson. Norman Joseph Garr, 16, of 17 Mohawk Ave., has been charged with murdering Busby. Details of their indictments were not released, but the grand jury could have raised the charges in at least one of the murders from second-degree to first-degree murder.

The final two indictments charged two Kansas City men with the Nov. 2 holdup of the Interstate Shell Station, 1004 N. Stadium Blvd. Eugene Toombs and Dwayne Matthew Nelson, both 20, were charged with first-degree armed robbery. They were being held in Boone County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

The names of the six murder suspects were not released by Judge Frank Conley because Clay, Barbee and Garr were not yet in the custody of the court. However, Garr was booked on a charge of second-degree murder soon after the

indictments were read. The Magistrate Court determined in July that Garr could be tried as an adult if the case were ruled a felony. He was released to the custody of his mother, who posted the \$10,000 bail.

Barbee's attorney said he expected Barbee would surrender to authorities Monday.

Columbia attorney David Bear III, who represents Clay, said his client would surrender to the court today. Clay last week had been freed on \$25,000 bail.

Christian, who had also been freed on bail, was returned to Columbia Wednesday by police detectives. Christian, Shives and Hatton are being held in Boone County Jail after their bail was reset at \$125,000.

Christian was among witnesses appearing before the grand jury. Others included Columbia police Detective Carroll Highberger and Sgt. Bob Muse, at least two Columbia physicians and a 17-year-old girl who was with Hatton the night Rowilson was

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UPI telephoto

A motorist in Sioux City, Iowa, tries to start his car amid drifts and piles of snow Thursday after a storm dumped six inches of snow on

parts of the Midwest Wednesday. The storm is heading toward Canada.

## Two die as snowstorm sweeps through parts of the Midwest

From our wire services

A winter storm, demoted from blizzard status, aimed its weakening blows at the upper Great Lakes region Thursday. In its wake, cold air spread from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico.

No snow fell in Columbia Thursday. The low Thursday morning was 36 degrees F (2 C) and the high was 48 degrees F (9 C) in late afternoon. No precipitation is expected for Columbia today or Saturday. Skies will be clear and winds will be from the northwest at 5 to 15 miles (8 to 24 kilometers) per hour. The high today will be about 50 degrees F (10 C) and the low tonight will be about 25

degrees F (4 C).

Through a blizzard-buffed area of the northern plains and Midwest, work crews battled high winds and blowing snow — the residue of Wednesday's blizzard — to clear highways clogged with deep drifts, jackknived trucks and abandoned automobiles.

Highway authorities hoped to have most highways in the six-state storm belt reopened by late Thursday. Hundreds of motorists marooned overnight in motels, truck stops and improvised shelters resumed their travels.

Despite its severity, the unseasonable blizzard had claimed only two known victims. A Thief River

Falls, Minn., man was crushed by the bucket of a snow-loading truck as he shoveled snow, and an elderly man died of exposure in Fergus Falls, Minn.

As it moved toward Canada, the storm dropped snow on northeast Minnesota, northwest Wisconsin and Michigan's upper peninsula. Heavy snow warnings were out in northwest Michigan, and gale warnings were hoisted on Lakes Superior, Huron, Michigan and Erie.

The storm also brought snow and low temperatures to parts of Iowa and Nebraska, and residents of both states were digging out under sunny skies Thursday.



Gen. John Pershing  
Honored today

## Supporter still fights for Pershing museum

By Joy Miller  
Missourian staff writer

After 60 years, Henry C. Nielsen is still fighting for Gen. John Pershing. Today is a special day in his effort.

Nielsen, 79, former owner of the Campus Drugstore on Conley Avenue and a rigger in the flight section of the 167th Aero Squadron during World War I, is heading a drive in Columbia to raise money for the Pershing Memorial Museum at Laclede, the late general's home town in north-central Missouri.

Because of Nielsen's work, Gov. Joseph Teasdale signed a proclamation

### Insight

last month declaring Armistice Day, Nov. 11, to be Pershing Day in Missouri. Nielsen has written to the governors of the other 49 states urging them to do the same. "If it wasn't for Pershing there would be no Armistice Day," he said.

"General Pershing has been unrecognized for too long," said Nielsen, the 8th district commander of the Veterans of World War I in

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## Welliver bows to senators' wishes

By Jim Drinkard  
State capital bureau

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Warren Welliver chose Thursday to please the colleagues who might have punished him instead of the governor who already has rewarded him.

Welliver told the governor he has decided to back away from sponsoring the nomination of St. Louis consumer advocate Albert Slavin to the Missouri Public Service Commission, which regulates utility company services and rates.

Welliver's announcement followed weeks of political wooing from his

senate colleagues on one side and the governor on the other — overtures that have put the Boone County Democrat in an increasingly uncomfortable position.

His announcement at a Thursday news conference that he will not sponsor Mrs. Slavin broke the tension, at least for the moment. Teasdale held an impromptu session with reporters later to say he will continue to search for a Senate sponsor for Mrs. Slavin. And the governor said he doesn't hold Welliver's decision against him.

"It was a very businesslike meeting. There was something at issue, and we took opposite sides. He's a senator and

I'm a governor, and we each have our own decisions to make," Teasdale said.

But the decision not to sponsor Teasdale's choice leaves questions dangling about what the senator will do to repay favors done for him during his whirlwind courtship by Teasdale.

Welliver, a freshman senator, suddenly found himself overcome with good fortune in recent weeks. Teasdale used a \$300,000 grant to complete financing for a new vocational school for Boone County. He also appointed Chris Kelly, Welliver's choice, to fill the vacancy in the Boone County clerk's office. And the governor even accepted a long-standing offer to go duck hunting

with Welliver this weekend, so they could discuss "matters of common interest."

But in the tug-of-war pull for Welliver's opinion, the Senate finally won out. In announcing that he will not sponsor Mrs. Slavin, Welliver said he had "not felt any pressure from any of my colleagues in any way."

In an interview after the news conference, however, he said he had talked with Senate President Pro Tem Norman Merrell about the Slavin question.

"He just said I'm one of his senators, and he hoped I wouldn't make a decision that would jeopardize my

future as one of his senators," Welliver said.

One of his primary fears in becoming embroiled in the Slavin controversy had been that his ability to get along in the Senate might be damaged. After meeting with Mrs. Slavin at his Columbia law office Nov. 3, Welliver said he wanted to confer with his Senate colleagues before he made a decision.

Tuesday it became known that Welliver had been appointed by Senate Appropriations Committee chairman Don Manford to a subcommittee which reviews budget requests for the

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### In town today

3:30 p.m. Arthritis Awareness Day, Reception Area, University Medical Center.

7:30 p.m. "The Matchmaker," Launer Auditorium, Columbia College.

7:30 p.m. "Jabberwocky" and "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," Studio Theater, University's Gentry Hall.

7:30 p.m. "King Lear," Stephens College Playhouse.

8 p.m. "Cabaret," Jesse Auditorium, University.

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## Participant: Is coal gas an Edsel?

By John Schmeller  
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One Columbia woman was sure it couldn't be done in the kitchen and a Rocheport man was worried it might turn out to be an Edsel that would lead to another Hindenburg. Their views were generally echoed by two groups sanctioned by the City Council.

But after all parties had their say Thursday night in one of the liveliest public debates yet on the coal gasification controversy, the 50 citizens — as well as the public officials who invited them — wondered aloud if their presence even mattered.

The public hearing, sponsored by a special Mid-Missouri Council of Governments study committee, was marked by still more allegations of foul-ups in the snake-bitten feasibility study and an overriding sense of frustration that the gasification issue is beyond the average citizen's control.

Mary McCaleb, 2815 Oakland Gravel Road, wondered how engineers will use existing hardware to build the project of unprecedented size. Scale makes a big difference, she said. "You can't do it in the kitchen and use the same recipe for quantity cooking."

Neal Miller, who lives "next door" to a site near Rocheport tapped as a candidate for a coal gasification



Stephen Davis

David Hentchel of the Missourians for Safe Energy takes a turn on the "soap box," leading an anti-nuclear power song at one of the group's Saturday rallies in front of the Boone County Courthouse on Walnut Street. MSE will be protesting in Fulton this Saturday and Sunday.

## Nuclear protest planned this weekend in Fulton

By Robert Gilmartin  
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Building a nuclear power plant is a complex and difficult undertaking. Building a movement to stop its construction may be harder in terms of human organization, finances and motivation.

While construction for the nuclear power plants in Callaway County continues, so do the activities of a group opposed to the power plants and to the idea of nuclear energy — Missourians for Safe Energy (MSE). The group is returning to protest in Fulton this Saturday and Sunday during activities called the "Karen Silkwood Memorial Weekend."

Organizing a demonstration is no simple matter. Idealism is not enough to get an event going. The organization, careful planning and hard work for the memorial weekend began in late August.

This is not the first activity of Missourians for Safe Energy. Past activities have included a 35-mile (56-kilometer) march with a mock coffin from Columbia to Fulton and a booth at the State Fair in Sedalia last August. But the Karen Silkwood demonstration will probably be the best planned yet.

One of the ways MSE has managed to

build interest in the nuclear energy issue and in the upcoming weekend is through a series of "speak-outs," held in front of the Boone County Courthouse for the last eight Saturdays. Attendance at the speak-outs has varied from 30 to 50 people.

These meetings were held in soap-box fashion; anyone was invited to speak on the nuclear power issue. After the rallies, the group marched through downtown Columbia, distributing literature to shoppers, and urging them to join the activities in Fulton this weekend.

One problem organizers faced with the Silkwood weekend was to give the public an idea who Karen Silkwood was. The anniversary of her death three years ago Sunday is being commemorated by anti-nuclear forces and other groups across the country.

Silkwood was a plutonium worker in Crescent, Okla., for Kerr-McGee. Anti-nuclear forces say she died under "bizarre circumstances." While on her way to talk with a New York Times reporter about alleged faulty practices and worker contamination at the plutonium plant where she was a union official, her car went off the road. Supposed evidence she had with her disappeared from the car after the accident.

At last weekend's speak-out, female members of MSE talked about the case. Sue Bradford of Columbia said, "There was a sexist side to the case." After her death, plant officials accused Silkwood of smuggling plutonium out of the plant on her person.

To attract people to the Fulton rally, MSE held a benefit dinner last Sunday at the Newman Center. About 150 people of varied ages and backgrounds attended.

Roberta and Merlin Schnell, a middle-aged couple from Hallsville, came to the dinner, "principally to be informed."

Their son, Ernie, an MSE member, convinced them to attend. Before that, Mrs. Schnell said, "It was easier to be non-involved and not interested in this." When she went to high school, she said, "the atom hadn't been split yet. When I first heard of nuclear energy, it sounded like a fantastic idea, but apparently there's more to it with the risks and wastes involved."

Bringing new members into the group, and making the group's efforts more efficient may be aided by MSE's recent organizational restructuring. Previously, a loose core of 10 to 25 people did all the work jointly. Now,

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