tike getting blood from a turnip. Rent forgiveness in return for the Wallace papers might be the best that can be made of it.

If legal questions can be answered satisfactorily, it's a deal the state ought to take.



The late George Wallace, here embracing friend Connie Harper, played a major role in the state's history.

### DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

# Holiday spirit found outside bottle as well

on't even think about it. That, in essence, is the message from District Attorney Ellen Brooks to holiday partygoers who might try to drive after drinking at a social event.

There are plenty of reasons for that, the most compelling of which is that they might kill themselves or

Be smart

A DUI charge could really wreck the holiday season.

someone else by trying to operate a vehicle while impaired by alcohol.

That's the worst-case scenario, and other prospects aren't appealing, either. A DUI arrest and punishment isn't exactly a recipe for holiday cheer. A DUI conviction can carry a fine of up to \$600

and a jail term of as much as a year.

And don't plan on beating the rap. Montgomery County has the highest conviction rate in the state on DUI cases. According to Brooks, more than 85 percent of DUI cases result in convictions here.

That's a sobering thought.

### GOOD MORNING, GOVERNOR

What provisions have you made for the memorabilia from your second term as governor? While they may lack the historic significance of the Wallace materials, they are not inconsequential.

of Tallassee would do nothing. He would offer no defense

Instead Reader Van Der Velde, who is a lawyer, would have his client make a speech — the kind of speech he should have made months

"He should say, 'I lied to the American people, for which I am deeply sorry, and no amount of legal technicalities can obscure this fact," Van Der Velde wrote.

Note the verb, Mr. President. Lied, not misled or any of the other fuzzy terms you've used.

In a move that won't win him any popularity contests within the bar, Van Der Velde further advises the

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I read the Dec. 10 front page article about Gen. Benjamin O. Davis's fourth star with considerable mixed emotions.

Having served as an F-86 Sabre jet fighter pilot under Gen. Davis's command in Korea, I know him to be a brave, honorable man. I applaud his recognition as a distinguished American hero.

However, the award ceremony was marred by the timing and the president's involvement. It certainly was no coincidence that the White House ceremony occurred on the same day the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee was proposing articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

Once again, this president has shamelessly manipulated people and events for his personal, selfish benefit. Equally disturbing is how certain groups allow themselves to be

By his self-described "indefensible" improper conduct, Bill Clinton has proved himself unfit to serve as commander in chief of our nation's armed forces. His basking in the heroic deeds and accomplishments of American service men and women is disgraceful.

Robert K. Hayes Montgomery



A letter writer mander in chief

### Republicar sore losers

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