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briefs

Stumbo proposes video gambling at horse tracks

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State Rep. Greg Stumbo is proposing the state allow video gambling terminals at horse racing tracks throughout Kentucky.

The Prestonsburg Democrat says in a press release that he's planning to propose the legislation during the 2009 General Assembly as a way to boost revenue. Gambling proceeds under Stumbo's bill would help fund education, reduce taxes on motor vehicles and boats and help the state's horse industry.

Stumbo is a former state attorney general. Stumbo's bill also calls for giving oversight of the gambling machines to the Kentucky Lottery Corp.

Johnson sheriff's son indicted on drug charges

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The son of the Johnson County sheriff was arrested Tuesday on charges relating to the distribution of cocaine and prescription drugs.

According to court records, Hoy

Curtis Witten, 35, of Sitka, the son of Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten, was indicted last week on three counts of drug-related offenses.

Witten, who was arrested Tuesday, was charged with one count of distribution of cocaine and two counts of distribution of methadone.

According to Christy Runyon with

KSP, "Mr. Witten was the focus of an investigation by Kentucky State Police Post 9 and DESI officers, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with HIDTA officers."

According to Runyon, the investigation began in late 2005, and has continued through 2008.

If convicted, Witten faces up to 20

years in prison and a \$1 million fine. Witten was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center before being released by U.S. District Judge Edward Adkins on bond. The details of Witten's bond had not been filed as of press time.

Sheriff Witten did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

COAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE



photo by Jamie VanHoose

Rick Abraham, of Mine Lifeline, demonstrates safety equipment on display at the Extreme Coal Exhibition and Conference, which began Wednesday and runs through noon today at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center, in Pikeville. The conference was designed to provide information and demonstrations on all aspects of the coal industry.

P'burg man dies in crash

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — A Floyd county man was killed early Tuesday morning after the vehicle he was driving ran off the road and overturned.

According to Kentucky State Police, Herman Meade, 55, of Prestonsburg, was traveling north on Goose Creek Road in his Chevy Lumina when he ran off the road, overcorrected, crossed the road and went over the embankment. The vehicle upended and Meade was ejected.

Meade was transported to St. Joseph Martin by ambulance, where he was pronounced dead by the emergency room physician. Meade was not wearing his seat belt.

There were no other passengers in the vehicle. The accident is still under investigation by Trooper David Watkins.

Rail crossing to close for work

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

CSX workers will begin making repairs to the railroad crossing on Route 121 at Stephens Branch, just outside Martin, on Monday, August 4.

In a release from the Department of Highways, Jay Rutherford, CSX Roadmaster for Floyd, Knott and Perry counties, said that work is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and continue until about 5 p.m. During that time, the road will be closed to all traffic. Motorists traveling in the area should plan to take an alternate route during those hours.

"The work can't be finished if there is traffic going over the crossing all day," Rutherford said. "We apologize for the inconvenience, and ask for people's understanding. We are making the crossing safer and smoother, and it will only be one day of inconvenience. As soon as the work is finished, around 5 o'clock in the afternoon, we will open the road to traffic."

The state highway department crew from Floyd County will provide traffic control, according to Jerry Lowe, Floyd County maintenance engineer for Highway District 12.

State cuts security at social service offices

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — State employees at a welfare office in Louisville say they are frightened and outraged by plans to cut nine of 11 security guards at the building where they work with troubled and sometimes dangerous clients.

"It makes me mad that now I have to fear coming to work every day," said

Noelle Milburn, a secretary who said she routinely meets with upset clients. "We need security in this building."

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services plans to eliminate all but two security guards who patrol state offices in Louisville's L&N Building. Statewide, 43 full-time guard slots are being cut at 27 locations. The move will save up to \$900,000 a year,

budget adviser Beth Jurek told the Courier-Journal of Louisville.

Employees in the offices routinely deal with clients whose children have been removed because of abuse or neglect, people angry at the loss welfare benefits, and others who are addicted to alcohol and drugs or who suffer from

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Today



High: 91 • Low: 65

Tomorrow



High: 90 • Low: 67

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Bocook and Nairn appointed to FCB Board of Directors

PRESTONSBURG — Burl Wells Spurlock, chairman of the Board of First Commonwealth Bank, announced Tuesday that Dewey Bocook and Edward "Ted" Nairn have been appointed to the First Commonwealth Bank Board of Directors.

Nairn and Bocook join the current Board of Directors which includes Paul H. Bailey, Estill Lee Carter, Betsy S. Lambert, Charles W. Miller, Rudolph Ousley, DVM, Burl Wells Spurlock II, Greg A. Wilson, and

Chairman of the Board Burl Wells Spurlock.

"Both of these fine gentlemen are very active in our community and region in business and civic organizations and have been strong supporters of First Commonwealth Bank," said Greg Wilson, bank president and CEO.

In addition to serving on First Commonwealth Bank Board of Directors, both individuals serve their community through various boards, organizations and associations.

Bocook, a graduate of Marshall

University, is the owner of Bocook Engineering Inc. and has offices in Paintsville and Prestonsburg.

Bocook founded Bocook Engineering to provide civil and mining engineering as well as surveying services to the Central Appalachian Region. Bocook resides in Paintsville with his wife, Judith K. Bocook.

Nairn, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, is the owner of Nairn Inc., of Prestonsburg. Nairn provides construction management services on commercial construction projects. He

is very active in both Floyd and Pike counties. Nairn resides in Prestonsburg with his wife, Sue Harris Nairn.

First Commonwealth Bank is a locally owned, community bank dedicated to exceeding the expectations of its shareholders, customers, employees and communities. First Commonwealth Bank's main office is located at 311 N Arnold Ave, Prestonsburg and has four additional locations in Prestonsburg, Martin, Betsy Layne and Pikeville.



Dewey Bocook



Ted Nairn

Applications to be accepted for K.A.R.E. program

The Floyd County Conservation District will be accepting applications for the Kentucky Agriculture Relief (K.A.R.E.) program, beginning August 5.

The program will be a 72/25 cost-share program, with a maximum \$2,000 reimbursement cost share per farm. The K.A.R.E. program will provide cost-share assistance to Floyd County farmers that

have experienced loss during last year's weather-related disaster and will help prevent future disasters.

The available practices are:

- Drilling for subsurface aquifers and well establishments.
- Developing and piping on farm springs.
- Construction of small stream water basins.
- Establishing and enhanc-

- Water hook-up to city/county water lines for farm usage.
- Irrigation equipment, structures and components.
- Forage/pasture development.
- Pasture/grain development.
- Filter fabric pads for heavy use area.
- Fence and water,

ing on-farm ponds.

■ Water hook-up to city/county water lines for farm usage.

■ Irrigation equipment, structures and components.

■ Forage/pasture development.

■ Pasture/grain development.

■ Filter fabric pads for heavy use area.

■ Fence and water,

excludes plank and decorative fencing.

■ Seeding: custom services and rental of equipment.

■ Cooling fans and sprinkler systems.

■ Shade cloth and other temporary or permanent agricultural shelters.

■ Feeding equipment, commodity storage structures, hay wrappers, feed mixers and silage feeding/storage equip-

ment.

- Crop insurance premiums.
- Trailers, wagons and other forage/commodity transportation-related equipment.
- Animal waste handling equipment.
- Rootstock and trees and certified, hybrid and/or other seed varieties.

Contact the Floyd County Conservation District for prac-

tice specifics.

Applications must be approved at the August board meeting.

The Floyd County Conservation District is located at 18 Mayo Branch, Brandykeg, Prestonsburg. More information can be obtained by calling (606) 889-9800 or sending email to conserve@bellsouth.net.

Local governments get OK to e-mail meeting notices

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Local governments in Kentucky will now be able to notify news organizations about their special meetings by e-mail.

The new provision in Kentucky's open meetings law took effect earlier this month, and was touted as a money and time saver. It allows local governments to send the meeting notices electronically to any agency member or media organization that asks in writing for e-mail communications.

"It gives the media and the public more timely notification of the special meetings as well," Allison Martin, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office said. "Because you never can ensure when a mailed letter is going to arrive by the postal service."

The state attorney general's

office is sending out notices of the new law to more than 1,400 public officials across the state. Mayors and county judge-executives are among the officials expecting to receive the open meeting law updates and they're expected to pass the material on.

Martin said it cost the office about \$150 to do the mailing, because most of it was sent electronically. State law requires the attorney general's

office to notify local officials of any legislative changes to the state's open meetings or open records law.

Under the law, it's up to individual news organizations or members of the agencies to request to be notified of any special meetings by e-mail. Previously, e-mail notifications did not count as an official notice.

The e-mail notification is not mandatory, Martin said of

the new law.

Kentucky Press Association President David Thompson said the change had the group's backing. Thompson said news organizations that want to take advantage of the e-mail option are being encouraged to send authorization letters to the appropriate local government agencies.

Sylvia Lovely, executive

director of the Kentucky League of Cities, said the change is a small step that's likely to have greater significance.

"It brings into the modern age the whole open records, open meetings concept," Lovely said. "As we move into new technologies, this was a step forward."

Debbie Batliner, a city

clerk in Simpsonville, said the change should speed up notifications while saving time and money.

"It's definitely more efficient because the word is going electronically," Batliner, who is also president of the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association, said. "It does help us out in our job as clerks."

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In Loving Memory of Someone So Special Rita Joe Slone

IN LOVING MEMORY

As my eyes look toward heaven; I'm thinking of you. I never knew life without you, and my heart is still breaking in two.

Then I find myself longing for just one day; when we were children, still out at play.

Would we jump rope; or play hopscotch, or play for hours on our favorite rock. Take a walk

down by the stream; or play marbles under that big shade tree.

Maybe play on that hillside; and swing on the vines; or take a walk down the road just one more time.

If you could speak, I think you would say; Remember, I was the leader when we went out to play.

And now my journey has ended; I've reached the other side. I finished first and left you behind.

But if you could see the place I've come to, I think you'd be so glad; here I can never feel pain and I will never be sad.

So dry the tears from your eyes and put on a smile, we will be together after awhile.

When your journey has ended; I'll be waiting for you, I'll be waiting and watching for you to come home, too.

As we walk together by the beautiful river, then we will never have to say good-bye.

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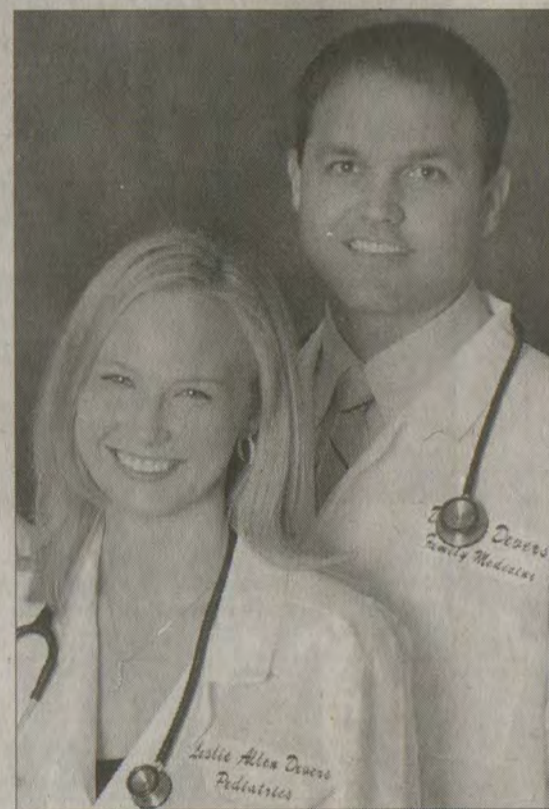
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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Brittany RaeAnne Carroll, 20, of Martin, to Joshua Keith Meade, 21, of Printer.
 Angela Marie Hanes, 33, of Prestonsburg, to David Ray Craft, 41, of Prestonsburg.
 Amy Lynn Turner, 35, of Garrett, to Aaron Scott Williams, 28, of Pikeville.
 Mary Elizabeth Hall, 22, of Martin, to Phillip Brent Murray, 30, of Hager Hill.
 Tonya Lawson Funk, 38, of Ivel, to James Dean, 38, of Ivel.
 April Nichole Anderson, 25, of Stanton, to Richard Alvin Noble, 25, of Stanton.
 Donna M. McKinney, 34, of Ivel, to James Thomas Boyd, 50, of McDowell.
 Ashley Renee Johnson, 19, of Bevinsville, to Christopher Eric Mosley, 26, of McDowell.

Civil Suits Filed

Calvary Portfolio Service LLC v. Erick S. Huffman
 Midland Funding LLC v. Penny Thacker
 HSBC Bank Nevada v. Sadie Hamilton
 Midland Funding LLC v. Cassandra Hall
 First Resolution Investment Corp. v. Charles D. Bentley
 Discover Bank v. Dennis Morris
 Penny Pennington v. Brian Sammons
 Capital One Bank v. James M. Newsome
 Asset Acceptance LLC v. Karen C. Branham
 Capital One Bank v. William C. Howell
 Midland Funding LLC v. Vanessa Wright
 Midland Funding LLC v. Tonia McGaffee
 Midland Funding LLC v. Ernie Boyd
 Midland Funding LLC v. Rosa H Morrow
 Midland Funding LLC v. Timothy Collett
 Midland Funding LLC v. Bobbie L. Jones
 Midland Funding LLC v. Phyllis Newsome
 Midland Funding LLC v. Curt L Jarvis
 Midland Funding LLC v. Mitchell Shepherd
 Midland Funding LLC v. Brenda K. Newsome
 Midland Funding LLC v. Charles R. Joseph
 Buy Here Pay Here v. Bobby Meade

Small Claims Filings

Finley Thomas Hall Jr., v. Kim Kidd

Charges Filed

Timothy James Butler, 28, Wheelwright, criminal mischief.
 Matthew Shepherd, 19, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.
 Gerald Maynard, 43, Endicott, alcohol intoxication.
 Brittany Mullins, 18, Weeksbury, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeffrey A Eckle, 44, Hueysville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Maelene Kauahi, 37, Wheelwright, fourth-degree assault.
 Mikele Rex Frasure, 35, McDowell, terroristic threatening.
 Mark Spears, 35, Hunter, harassment.
 Angel Bowers, 38, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.
 Robin R. Howard, 35, Garrett, criminal trespassing.
 Matthew P. Tackett, 26, Drift, fourth degree assault.
 William Day Gregory, 47 Langley, terroristic threatening.
 Chris Ann Hall, 18, Wayland, theft by unlawful taking.
 Keisha Blocker, 20, Ivel, theft by unlawful taking (4 counts).
 Billy Gene Osbourne, 32, Printer, theft by unlawful taking.
 Virginia Burnett, 45, Martin, alcohol intoxication, controlled substance prescription not in original container.
 Shane Lemaster, 33, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Jared Halc, 31, Prestonsburg, operating ATV on roadway, operating ATV without headgear, failure to maintain insurance, operating motor vehicle under the influ-

ence, operating on suspended license, disorderly conduct.

Beverly M Burchett, 41, Auxier, public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

Charles D. Hall, 45, Ivel, alcohol intoxication.

Kelly Allen, 43, Prestonsburg, failure to illuminate lights.

Bridgett Hall, 33, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.

Finley Thomas Hall, 40, Banner, harassment.

Angel Bowers, 38, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.

Danny Burchett, 57, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Earnest Hall, 71, Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

Denise Teen, 48, Reo, Mich., alcohol intoxication.

Timothy York, 31, Banner, fourth-degree assault.

Andrew Spurlock, 21, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.

Michael Sohl, 21, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Joseph Campbell, 20, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Joshua Stumbo, 19, McDowell, failure to illuminate lights.

Charles Johnson, 56, Pikeville, failure to illuminate lights.

Morgan S. Dingus, 22, Prestonsburg, drinking alcohol in a public place.

Rodncy Harrington Brown, 40, Langley, menacing (3 counts), wanton endangerment (4 counts), terroristic threatening (3 counts).

Angela Kipher, 25, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking over \$300.

Michael L. Kendrick, 30, Honaker, theft by unlawful taking over \$300, criminal trespassing.

Brenda A Vanleer, 23, Martin, theft by deception over \$300.

Michael Bryan Allen, 28, Prestonsburg, cultivation of marijuana, first-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance not in original container.

Wondlee Cooper, 67, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking over \$300.

Ercella Pickens, 23, Prestonsburg, receiving stolen property over \$300.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

How my achievements
mock me!

— William Shakespeare

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View Editorial roundup

The Austin (Texas) American-Statesman, on Sen. Barack Obama's meeting with troops in Iraq:

There's been so much attention paid to the political jousting between Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama over the latter's trip to the Middle East and Europe that some good news is close to being forgotten already: The Iraqi government is talking about American troops leaving by the end of 2010.

Unfortunately, it is not clear that troops pulled out of Iraq would come home right away regardless of which candidate wins the presidency.

For now, there's no official deadline for U.S. withdrawal from Iraq. And yes, for a lot of Americans even 2010 would be too long to wait.

Still, the fact that the Iraqi government wants a timetable or to use President Bush's preferred euphemism, a "time horizon" for the departure of American troops suggests that there might really be light at the end of the Iraqi tunnel. ...

Whether it's weak or strong, if the Iraqi government tells the United States to leave, it must. The U.S. government has no right to stay the course if the government it helped create says go away. ...

The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, on federal oversight and truck and bus drivers:

The 1999 Mother's Day bus crash that killed 22 mostly elderly Louisianians exposed a lax federal oversight system that allowed drivers with drug problems and debilitating illnesses to remain at the wheel of buses and tractor-trailers.

Despite the creation after that crash of a new agency to monitor truck and bus drivers and repeated promises of reform, essentially nothing has changed.

A study reported last week by the Associated Press found that hundreds of thousands of drivers who qualify for full federal disability payments still hold commercial drivers' licenses. Hundreds of injuries and deaths are attributable to drivers who lost consciousness or collapsed while behind the wheel, according to the study by Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a Washington-based consortium of medical, consumer and safety groups and insurers.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which was created after the New Orleans bus crash, has yet to complete any recommendations proposed by safety regulators since 2001, according to the report.

One pending reform would set minimum standards for deciding whether a driver was medically fit to operate a truck or bus. Another would prevent doctor-shopping by drivers who are trying to mask dangerous illnesses.

It is appalling that nine years after the senseless deaths on Interstate 610 so little has been done to make passengers and other drivers safer. ...

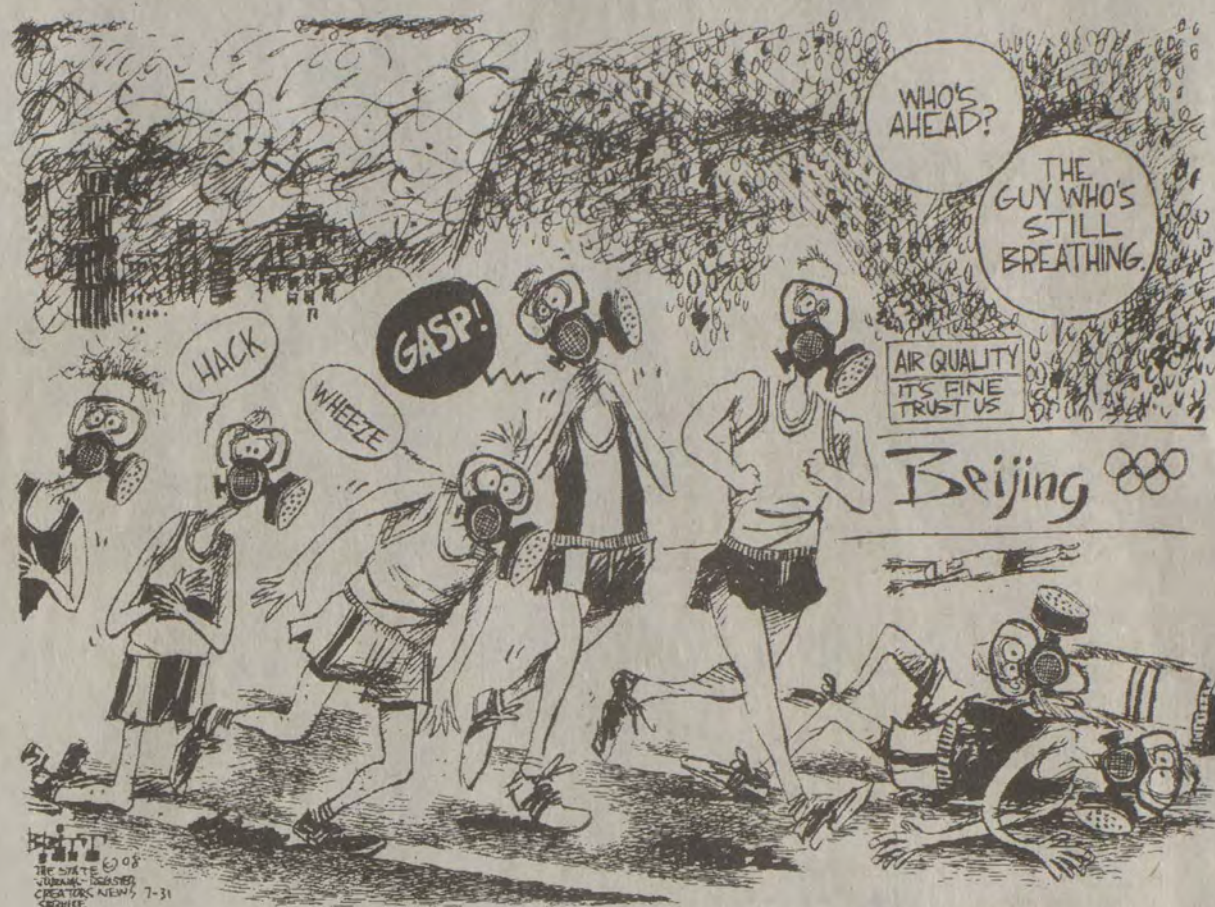
Durango (Colo.) Herald, on the Bush administration's use of diplomacy:

In the waning days of the Bush administration, there appears to be a slight shift away from the hard-line approach to dealing with "Axis of Evil" members that has defined Bush's presidency thus far. With high-level State Department personnel engaging in talks with their counterparts in Iran and North Korea, there may be some move toward resolving the standoff with those two countries over their respective nuclear programs. It would be unrealistic, though, to expect too much.

Nevertheless, the willingness to talk is a big change — and one that is welcome, if late. For far too long, the Bush administration has left diplomacy on the shelf when dealing with what it defined as "Axis of Evil" countries: Iran, Iraq and North Korea. The most striking example of this anti-diplomacy model, of course, is the war in Iraq, which has removed that country from the trio, but at a substantial cost — in lives, dollars, time and political capital. Addressing Iraq's perceived nuclear ambitions, it seems now, more than five years later, could have benefited from a less heavy-handed approach. That is a hard-learned lesson that will continue to burden the United States and Iraq for years to come.

It was disappointing, then, to see the Bush administration similarly eschew diplomatic efforts in dealing with North Korea's and Iran's nuclear programs. While leadership in both of those countries exhibit unsavory behavior in their policies and treatment of citizens, there is much to lose for those citizens and the world beyond if full-scale nuclear weapons programs are developed. ...

The recent movement toward the discussion table by the Bush administration is not enough to suggest an imminent solution to the foreign policy struggles that have troubled the United States in recent years. It is, however, encouraging to see an increased willingness to discuss matters that are uncomfortable, rather than cast threats and rattle sabers. Those strategies simply add to the discomfort as they have very high stakes indeed.



Guest column

House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

With gas prices the way they are, not as many families are taking that annual trek to Disneyworld or traveling long distances to other vacation spots this summer. They have chosen instead to stay closer to home which, for Kentuckians, means there will still be lots of fun things to do on that trip not-to-far away from home.

Why? Because Kentucky has plenty to offer both visitors from out of state and Kentuckians themselves who want to see what different regions of their state have to offer. And the best news? No two regions are alike.

In the Kentucky's Appalachians tourism region which includes Johnson, Martin, Floyd and Pike counties, the majesty of our mountains is the biggest draw. But there are other major attractions in the region, too, including the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway, the Mountain Homeplace farmstead, performing arts, museums, festivals, Civil War sites, outdoors recreation including the incredible Breaks Interstate Park, fabulous state parks, the Eastern Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium, Thunder Ridge Racing complex, Kentucky Opry, and golf. And all are worth looking into.

One of our biggest successes in

recent years is, without a doubt, the designation of U.S. 23 as a National Scenic Byway in honor of the country music entertainers who once called the region home. The designation-along with the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum which opened in 2005 in Paintsville—has been a success and is expected to become more popular as word of the scenic byway spreads nationwide. Many of us state lawmakers from the region as well as local officials are hopeful that the byway will draw more and more visitors to the region each year.

State lawmakers and local officials as well as local businesses are all keeping their fingers crossed that 2008 is at least a decent tourism season for Kentucky despite the economy. Tourism was good to the Commonwealth last year, according to figures released by the Kentucky Department of Travel showing the economic impact of tourism on the state in 2007 was \$10.7 billion. Because of that, more than 176,600 people were able to find employment in a variety of travel-related jobs and state, local and federal governments received \$1.03 billion in tax revenue from tourism spending.

Knowing that 2007 was a successful tourism year for the Commonwealth is good news, but most of us would like to know how our regions fared individually, too. After all, attracting tourists is no simple task. Local leaders have worked diligently to expand the number of visitors to their regions of the state

for many years, and it would be good to know if those efforts are paying off.

The answer is yes.

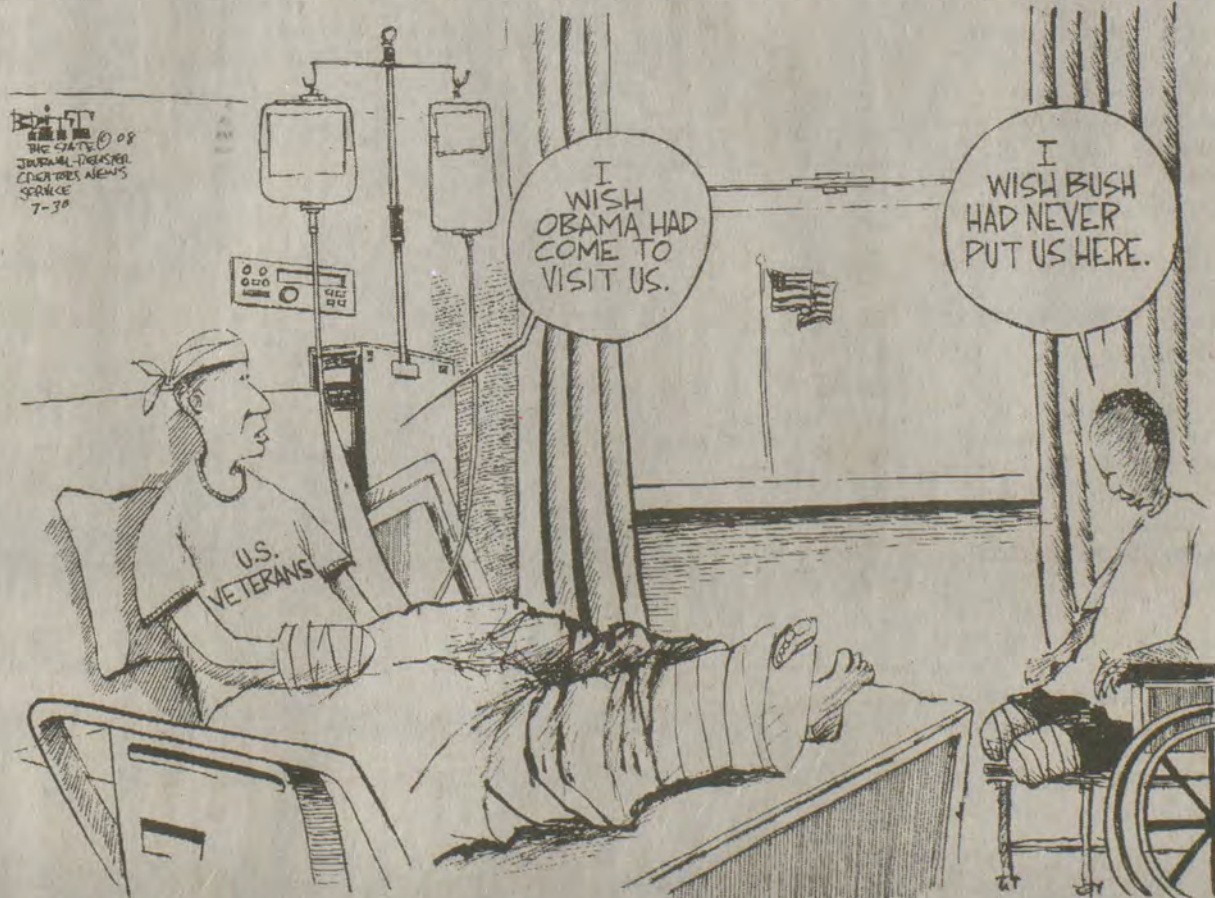
In Johnson County, for starters, tourism spending grew 0.9 percent over 2006 according to the Department of Travel figures. Tourism payroll also increased as did the number of tourism related jobs, which experienced slight growth.

In Floyd County, tourists also spent 0.9 percent more than they did the year before, according to the figures. Employment remained relatively unchanged—moving from 619 to 624 jobs—but the spending increase is noteworthy, to say the least.

Similar growth of 0.9 percent was also seen in Pike County, which increased its tourism related employment (according to the Department's figures) from 1,009 to 1,023 jobs, and Martin County. Martin County's tourism spending for 2007 was estimated at \$5.9 million, up slightly from \$5.45 million in 2006.

We can only hope that 2008 has some tourism successes of its own statewide and in our respective regions, and I am hopeful that it will. The Commonwealth has spent a lot of time, money and energy in recent years making our state more attractive to visitors because we recognize how important tourism is to the state economy. And I can assure you that tourism will continue to be an important part of the General Assembly's agenda for decades to come.

Have a great summer, and have fun out there!



Letter Guidelines

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times.

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Libertarians sever link to actor

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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FRANKFORT — Action-film actor Sonny Landham on Monday lost his role as the Libertarian Party's choice for a U.S. Senate seat in Kentucky over inflammatory comments he made toward Arabs.

The party's executive committee withdrew the Libertarian endorsement of Landham, and Landham and state party chairman Ken Moellman called the parting amicable.

Landham said he still hopes to reach the November ballot as an inde-

pendent candidate.

The party said it had collected more than enough signatures to get Landham on the ballot, but Libertarian officials distanced themselves from him after his anti-Arab remarks.

Landham routinely used offensive terms in referring to Arabs and said last week that Arabs should be blocked from entering the country.

The remarks were too much — even for a party with a "live and let live" philosophy.

"We have agreed to disagree on the statements made, and that is why we

are parting company," said Moellman, calling the remarks "offensive and contrary" to the party's principles.

Landham stood behind his remarks in a telephone interview Monday.

"My views are still the same," he said. "I make no apologies for them."

But Landham said he held no grudges toward the Libertarian Party.

"Ken Moellman is still a very good friend of mine, and that's the way it stands," he said. "We looked for a way to settle and keep both sides happy, and this was the choice we made."

Moellman said the decision to

sever ties with Landham means the Libertarians won't field a U.S. Senate candidate on the Kentucky ballot in November. The race pits four-term Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell against Democrat Bruce Lunsford, a Louisville businessman.

Landham made the anti-Arab comments on "The Weekly Filibuster," an Internet radio program on politics, then repeated them the next day in an interview with The Associated Press.

Landham also said President Bush should have ordered massive airstrikes against several Middle Eastern countries in retaliation for the

2001 terrorist attacks against the U.S.

Landham said Monday he hopes to use the signatures already collected on his behalf as the presumed Libertarian candidate to now gain his way onto the ballot as an independent.

But the Kentucky secretary of state's office was unsure whether he could do that.

"That's something that's undetermined at this point," said Les Fugate, spokesman for Secretary of State Trey Grayson. "We would have to legally research whether that is a viable option."

Not much to say yet about the fall season — or see

by FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — Many years ago, during an oil crisis, Chevrolet announced a new car was coming.

It would be small, roomy and fuel-efficient, Chevy promised. But in the breathless warm-up campaign, not much more was revealed (at first, the car didn't even have a name).

"You'll see," teased the ads, introducing the car as a promise and a dream.

What does the car that, in fall 1970, arrived as the Chevy Vega have to do with fall TV in 2008? If you have to ask, you never drove a Vega.

The broadcast networks' new shows have been announced and will be heavily promoted. But there's still nothing much to see. Fewer pilots than usual were shot this year, due in part to the Hollywood writers strike and the straight-to-series policy gaining favor at some networks.

With many rookie series only now going into production, lots of them exist as titles,

concepts, scripts, stars and time slots on the schedule (all subject to change). Even more than past seasons, this fall will usher in a roster of promises and dreams.

In previous years, a TV critic could expect to preview a majority of fall series by mid-June. DVDs would arrive from each network with the caveat that "numerous changes may be made" before the airdates. These works-in-progress offered useful clues to what awaited the audience come fall. They gave critics a chance to start spreading the word about any new series that stood out.

So far this summer, we critics have gotten a peek at just a half-dozen upcoming shows. This has left me with idle time to ponder a couple of questions:

■ What effect, if any, will all the changes and disruptions in production have on the fall series that result?

■ When the new shows are unveiled, will viewers notice or care?

On the five broadcast networks, there will be only 16

series premiering this fall. Last fall, there were nearly 30.

Of course, fewer can be a good thing. Why should the viewer face an avalanche of new series (more than can be adequately sampled before the networks pull the plug on their weak starters)?

Instead, networks will be parceling out their series through the year ahead.

But what about the short term? Will the fall rollout, such as it is, prove to be a nonevent?

Between now and then, NBC (and its many sister channels) is packaging an event that, in scale, at least, stands to overshadow everything else: the Olympics. Not so much sports as storytelling (if past coverage is any indication), the 2008 Olympic Games will be an exercise in reality TV, human-interest drama, characters to cheer and identify with, as well as wholesome, family-friendly sex appeal ... two and one-half weeks of it ... 3,600 hours of it.

Then, one day after the flame is doused, the Democratic National Convention begins, followed

close behind by the GOP convention right after Labor Day. Though neither of these "limited series" is likely to be a Nielsen blockbuster, both should deliver a major revelation: each party's vice presidential running mate.

But even with the Republicans' closing gavel, broadcast TV will be facing yet more competition. Cable networks have seeded the fall with impressive stuff.

For instance, "The Shield" will begin its final season on FX, also premiering "Sons of Anarchy," a drama about a motorcycle gang with Katey Sagal and Ron Perlman. Showtime has fresh seasons of "Dexter" and "Californication."

HBO resumes its popular comedy "Entourage" and introduces a drama about modern vampires, "True Blood." TNT has "Raising the Bar," a new courtroom drama from Steven Bochco ("NYPD Blue"). In October, NBC's own celebrated "Friday Night Lights" will arrive for its third season not on NBC, but DirecTV (to be repeated by NBC in January). And Starz is venturing into original series drama with a TV adaptation of the Oscar-winning film "Crash."

It may not be hard for these shows to catch the viewer's eye. Cable — basic as well as premium — has lately earned a reputation for launching scripted shows that stick.

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Property Transfers

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Clark Allison to Billy Endicott, property located at Jane Brown Branch.

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Everett A. Glide to Judy F. Goble, property located at Bradley Addition.

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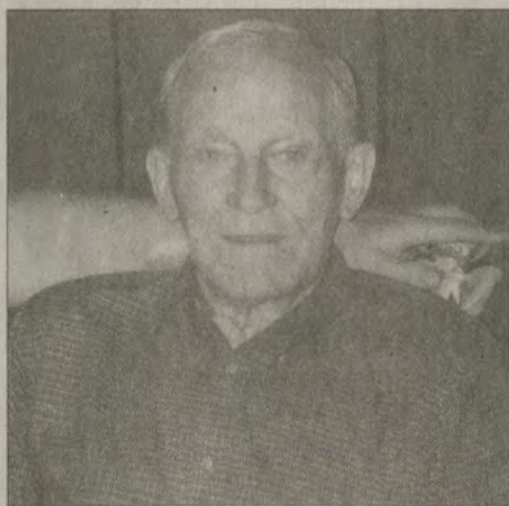
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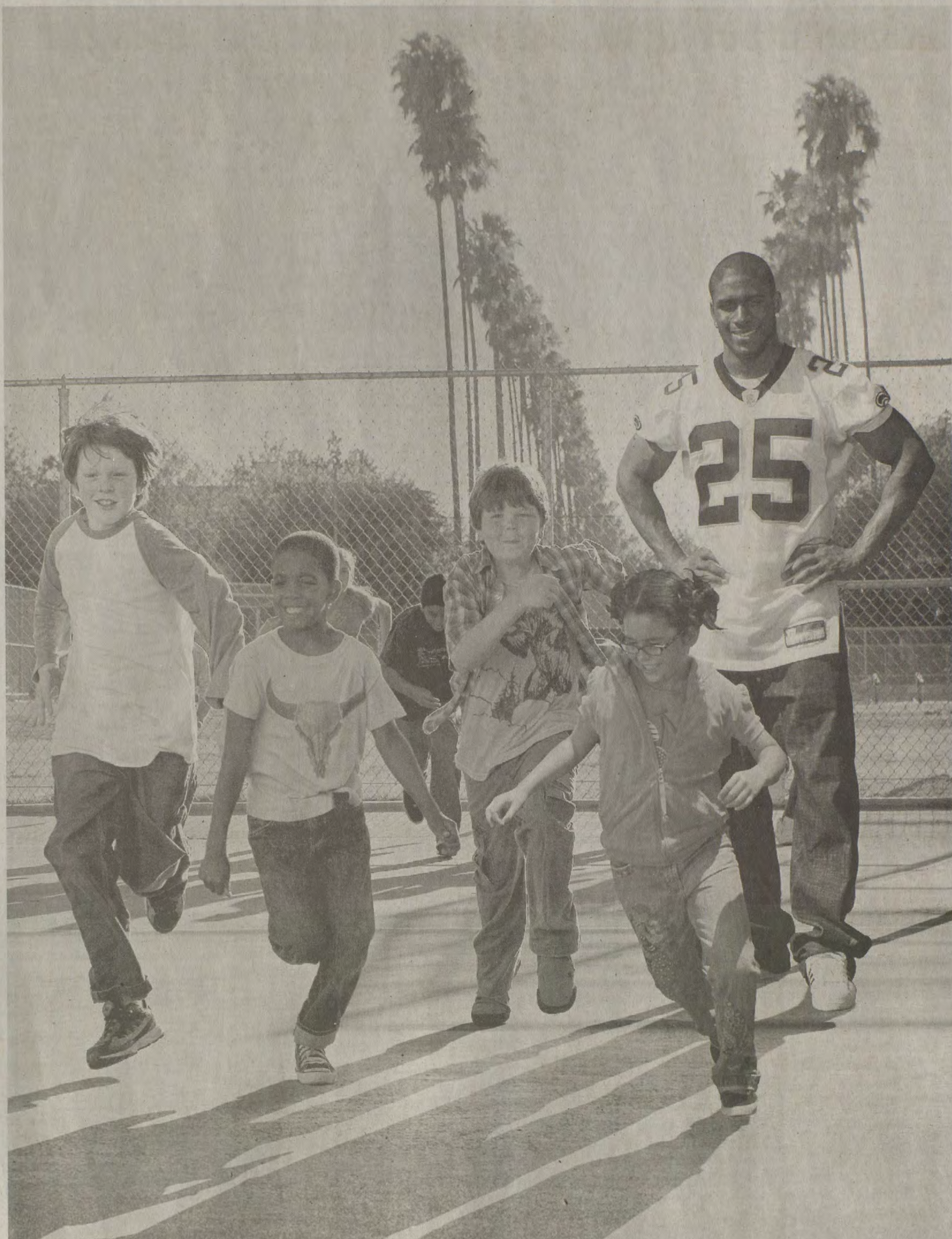
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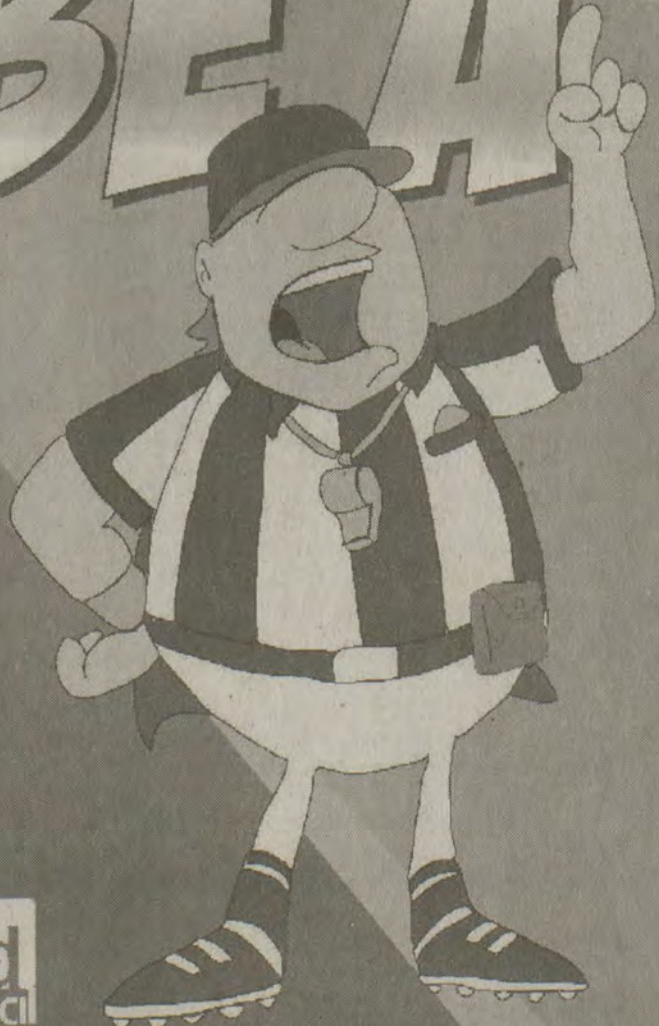
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Feds hold public hearing on mine refuge rules

by P.J. DICKERSCHIED
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Officials in the country's largest underground coal producing state are lashing out against proposed federal regulations designed to keep trapped miners alive during a disaster.

At a public hearing Thursday in Charleston, West Virginia officials criticized some facets of the federal proposal to require airtight emergency refuges are excessive and unrealistic.

MSHA's proposal would allow mine operators to store building materials underground, build airtight rooms or

place prefabricated refuges in mines. All would have to provide enough air, water and other necessities to keep trapped miners alive for at least four days while they await rescue.

The regulations are the result of high-profile accidents in 2006 that killed 19 miners in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Judge rules lawmakers can't stop clock to extend session

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A Franklin County judge has ruled the General Assembly has no power to stop the clock and work past its constitutional deadline of April 15.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd's ruling

Thursday says legislation that would have authorized billions in road projects is invalid because it was not given to Gov. Steve Beshear before midnight on the legislature's final day.

Kentucky lawmakers worked past the deadline, even though clocks in both chambers

were stopped minutes before midnight.

Senate President David Williams had filed a lawsuit against Gov. Steve Beshear in May questioning his veto of the \$3.8 billion road plan. Williams had claimed Beshear was tardy in vetoing the legislation, but the governor disagreed.

Security

mental illnesses.

"It is a dangerous environment in which we are working these days," said Teresa James, the deputy director of social services in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Although workers at the Louisville office said no one has been seriously injured in recent memory, they say clients have pushed, shoved and threatened workers. They credit the security staff with helping ensure nothing worse has happened.

Recently, workers said, an angry client shattered a window. On Tuesday — the same day the cuts were announced — guards intervened in a fight among several clients, workers

said.

The cuts come a little more than a year after lawmakers passed legislation aimed at beefing up security for social-services workers. The legislation was named in honor of Boni Frederick, a Western Kentucky state worker fatally stabbed and beaten in 2006 after she took a child for a home visit with his mother.

Frederick's daughter, Sandy Travis, told the newspaper she was shocked to learn the state is reducing security for workers after pledging to increase it.

"This is a disgrace after what happened to my mom," she said. "I want somebody to explain to me why you would

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ever take a chance on something like this happening again."

State workers noted that security around the state Capitol hasn't been affected.

"If things have to be cut, let them cut their security," said Stefanie Thomas, a family support worker who helps clients with such benefits as food stamps.



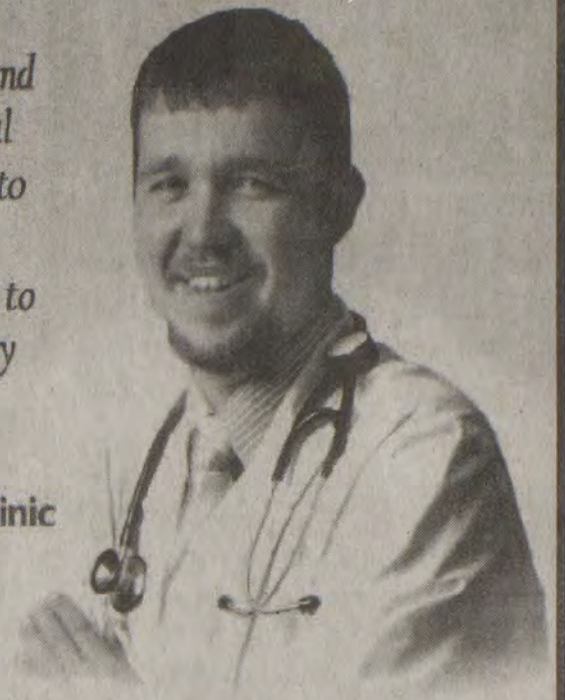
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Grilled Shrimp With Lemon Garlic Drizzle

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: about 15 minutes total
Stand time: 1 hour
Makes 8 appetizer servings

- 1/2 cup top quality Australian extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 1/2 lemons, sliced
- Pinch sugar or to taste
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 pound large, raw, peeled and deveined shrimp (tails on)
- Bamboo skewers, soaked in water
- Cedar grilling papers, soaked in water (optional)

Heat oil, garlic and lemon slices in small saucepan until barely simmering, pressing lemons with a spoon to release juices. Remove from heat and let stand for a few hours. Pour through fine mesh sieve into small bowl, pressing to remove as much oil as possible. Season to taste with sugar, salt and pepper. Thread a few shrimp onto the top of each skewer. Wrap 2 skewers in each cedar grilling paper and tie with kitchen string. Grill over medium heat for about 8 to 10 minutes or until shrimp are pink and cooked through, drizzling with a little oil during the last minute of grilling. (Or place skewers directly on grill and cook for about 3 minutes on each side.) Remove from grill and place skewers on a platter; drizzle with lemon garlic oil.

Shiraz Ginger Granita

This flavorful granita is the perfect ending to a great meal on a warm summer evening.
Prep time: 10 minutes
Chill time: at least 12 hours
Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 2 1/2 cups McWilliam's Shiraz
- 3/4 cup water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger

Stir together all ingredients in medium bowl until sugar has dissolved. Pour into large loaf pan (or other pan of similar size); cover and freeze for 8 hours. Remove from freezer and scrape surface with fork until it is icy and has a crystalline texture throughout. Return to freezer and freeze for at least 4 hours more; scrape again with a fork. Spoon into small cups or glasses and serve immediately. May be made several days ahead and stored tightly covered in the freezer until ready to serve.



Beef Bruschetta With Shiraz Drizzle

To keep that cohesive feel in this recipe, choose a blue cheese with Australian roots.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: about 20 minutes total
Makes 18 appetizers

- 3/4 cup McWilliam's Shiraz
- 3/4 cup reduced-sodium beef broth or stock
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 pound beef tenderloin fillets, about 1 1/2 inches thick
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup blue cheese
- 18 crusty baguette slices, cut on the diagonal
- Fresh arugula leaves

Bring shiraz, broth and garlic to a boil in small saucepan. Simmer until mixture is reduced to about 1/3 cup; remove garlic and set aside. Season beef with salt and pepper; grill over medium-high heat for about 5 minutes on each side or until meat is cooked to your liking. Let stand for 5 minutes, then thinly slice and pour reduced wine mixture over top, turning to coat meat. Spread cheese onto baguette slices and top with beef. Drizzle a bit more wine mixture over each and top with an arugula leaf.

Dukkah Bread Dipper

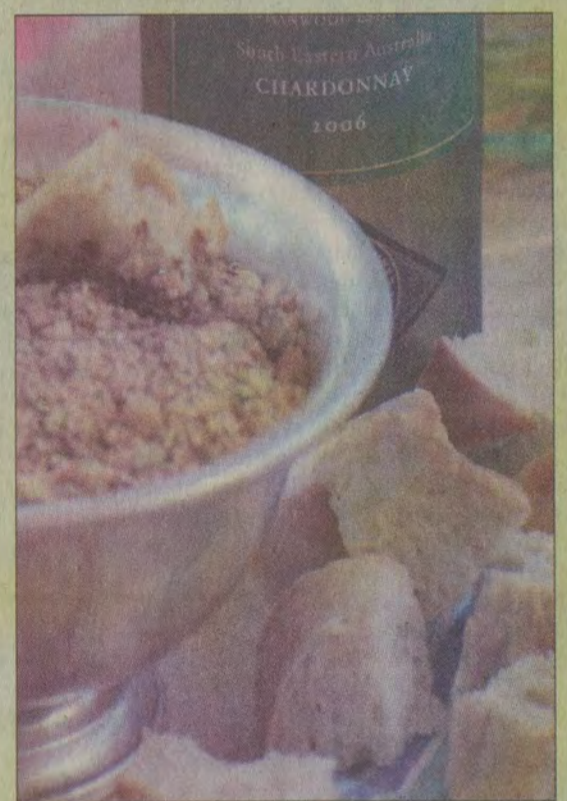
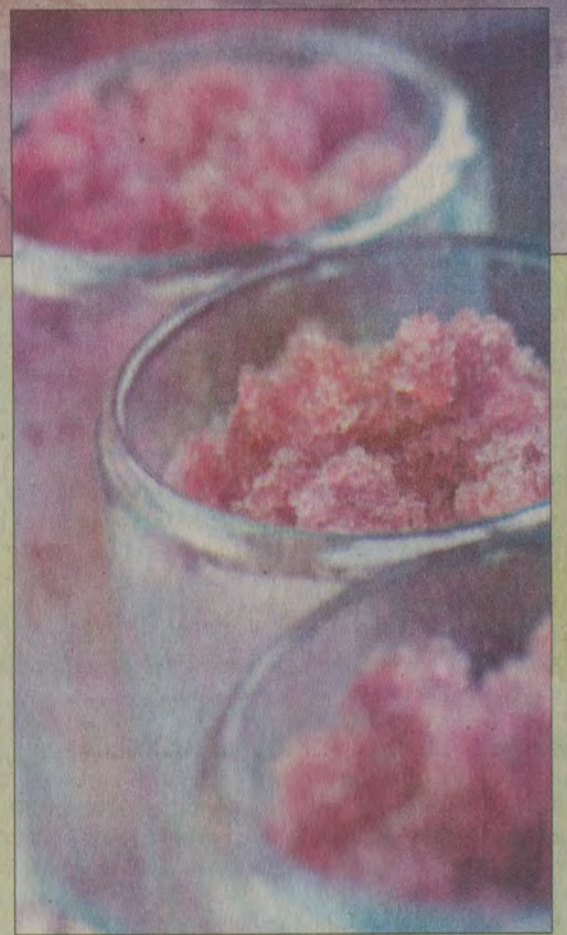
This delicious appetizer is perfect for summer entertaining. Place dukkah and olive oil in decorative bowls and surround with bread cubes. Let guests dip bread in oil, then into dukkah. Perfect with chilled glasses of McWilliam's Chardonnay.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: about 10 minutes
Makes about 1 1/2 cups

- 1/4 cup sesame seeds
- 3 tablespoons coriander seeds
- 2 tablespoons cumin seeds
- 1 cup roasted, salted pistachio nuts
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- Crusty French or sourdough bread cubes
- Top quality olive oil

Place sesame seeds in small skillet. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until golden brown and fragrant; remove from skillet. Repeat with coriander seeds, then cumin seeds; let cool. Place pistachios and seeds in blender or food processor and process until all ingredients are the texture of coarse crumbs. Serve with bread cubes and olive oil for dipping. May be stored for up to 1 month in a tightly covered container.

Tip: Your guests will be addicted to this after one bite! Make a large batch and package in small, decorative containers. Give one to each guest as they leave.



Outdoor Entertaining and Decorating Ideas

- Scatter platters of appetizers around the entertaining area. Guests will move around the yard to sample everything and keep the party going.
- Lay low. Don't worry about being over the top impressive. Your guests will be more comfortable and at ease if you just keep things simple.
- Pair wines with foods at each station, placing white wines and ice in galvanized buckets or other large containers to chill. Large planters work well here, too, and don't forget to have corkscrews in each area.
- Place potted plants and flowers in simple terra cotta pots. No fancy arrangements necessary just choose simple, but sturdy flowers to avoid wilting if it's hot outside. Bunches of baby's breath can be very striking in galvanized buckets.
- Lots of white candles set into planters and pots are very striking once the sun sets. Surround candles with small stones and add a little water for that beach feel.
- Don't forget the music. An MP3 player, live music, whatever you please. Music always helps set the mood.
- Edible flowers with their bright colors add a touch of summer to any party. However, make sure that all flowers are truly edible. Some simple additions: nasturtiums, roses, marigolds.

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WELLNESS Q&A

Could work be causing neck and back problems?

by ERNEST BREWER
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Ernest Brewer
Helping you find the answers to your health concerns

Question: I am 34 years old and I started having neck and shoulder pain two months ago, and the pain just seems to be getting worse. I haven't seen a doctor yet, but I think I know what is going on now. I work at a bank, and I spend almost my entire workday at a computer or on the telephone. My pain seems to be worse towards the end of the workday. What should I do? I've got to work.

Answer: Because there are multiple reasons why someone may develop neck and shoulder pain, it would be well worth your while to be evaluated by your family practice physician as soon as possible. If your physician determines that your pain is the result of muscle and/or joint pain, being treated by a physical therapist would be a good option.

Having said all that, your belief that your work activities may have something to do with your pain

(See WELLNESS, page six)

DINNER DIVA

Boost your metabolism

As someone with a compromised thyroid, I am always interested in natural ways to boost my metabolism. And while it is true that exercise will do a metabolism good, there are a number of foods that will get your metabolism going in the right direction as well.



Leanne Ely

What's not to love about that?

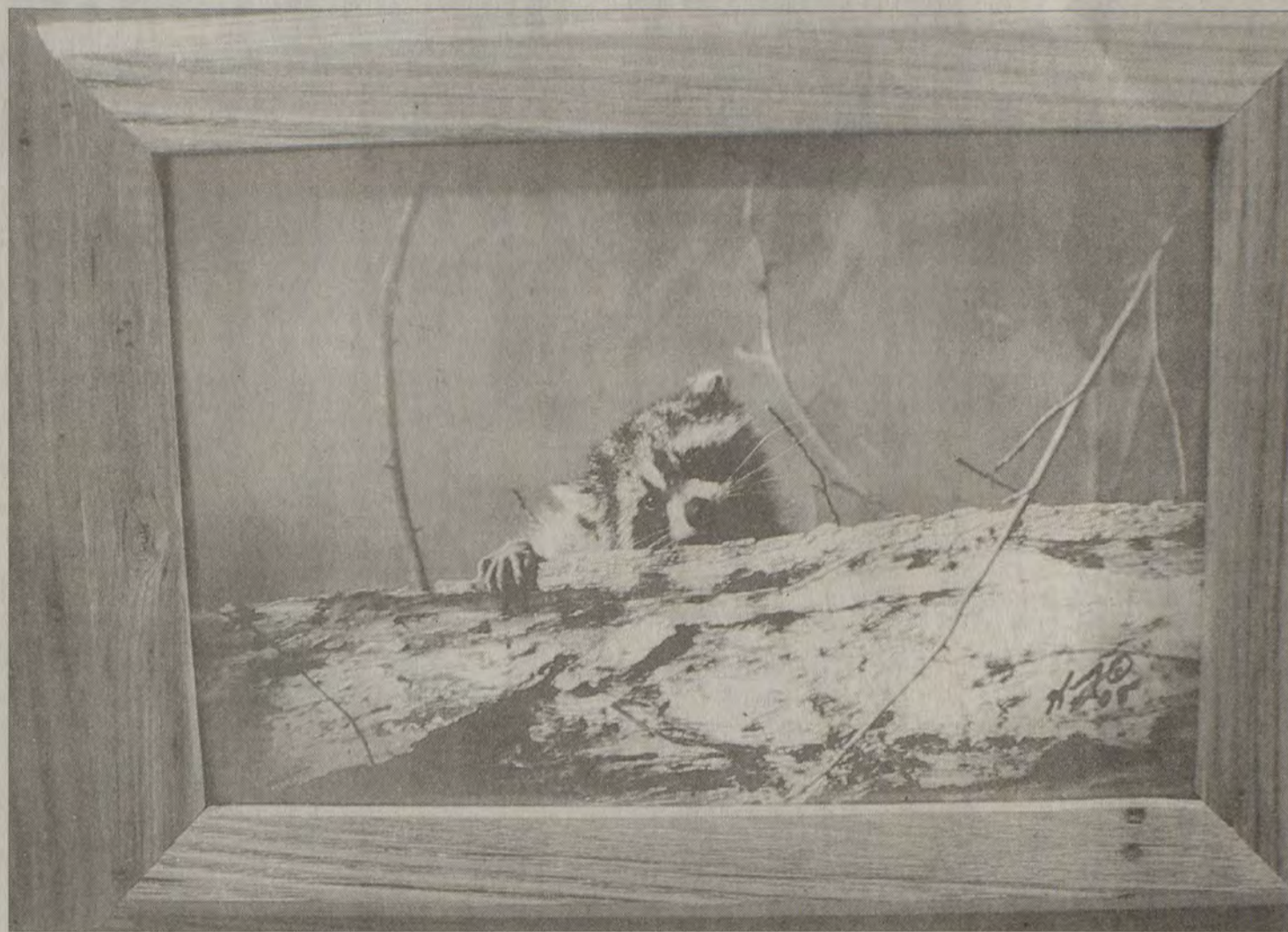
Here then is a list of my Top Ten Metabolism Boosting Foods:

- 1—Some Like It Hot. **C h i l i s**, cayenne pepper, salsa—just add some picante to your meals and watch your metabolism climb, perhaps as much as 20%! Who knew a spicy burrito (make it with lean protein and easy on the cheese!) could work wonders?
- 2—Berry Interesting. With their high fiber content, berries have the distinction of giving you less calories than you eat! Add to that their natural sugar content that nicely satisfies a sweet tooth, berries need to be on everyone's shopping lists!
- 3—Fishing for Compliments. Once again, wild salmon makes the list with its abundant omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3 fatty acids not only increases your metabolism, but it increases energy levels too and makes your skin positively glow!
- 4—A High Celery. When I was in high school, we ate celery to lose weight before cheerleading

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FAMILY MEDICINE

Planning and asking right questions key to good doctor's visit — Page B6



Many of Kenny Mitchell's photographs include wild animals in their natural habitats. These photos are on display at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

Mitchell's work shows eye for nature

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

It began as a hobby, but now the striking nature photographs of Kenny Mitchell are on display at the Mountain Arts Center and multiple businesses in Prestonsburg.

Mitchell, 51, of McDowell, has always loved nature, so all it took to become a nature photographer was the addition of a camera on his strolls into the woods.

"I was a coal miner for 16 years and got my knees injured," Mitchell said. "I've always loved the outdoors and I needed something to occupy my mind, a kind of mental therapy, as I was going through some rough surgeries at the time. I bought my camera at a local pawn shop and just went from there."

Mitchell started taking pictures of sunrises, sun-

sets, landscapes, animals and anything else that caught the interest of his eye through the lens.

"A lady was interested in buying one of my pictures, and that's how it started," Mitchell said.

Along with the photographs, Mitchell also makes his own frames out of wood native to the area, like oak, walnut and cherry. He also recycles aged wood from old buildings to create his handcrafted frames. One of the frames was recently auctioned off for the Relay For Life event that benefits the American Cancer Society.

"I had no idea how much framing would cost, and it turned out to be way too much, so I decided to learn how myself," Mitchell said. "I bought some woodworking tools and started from that."

Much like the subjects that he photographs, Mitchell considers his photography to be a natural process.

"I keep my camera on me at all times," Mitchell

said. "A lot of it is just waiting for these critters and being in the right place at the right time. I go out pretty much every day because I love the woods, streams and lakes."

One instance of Mitchell being in the right place at the right time led to an impressive picture of a bobcat.

"I found a deer that had been taken down by what I guessed to be coyotes, so I kept watch," Mitchell said. "I thought I was going to get a picture of some coyotes, but the bobcat showed up instead."

While the talent is evident in all of Mitchell's photographs, he is quick to say that it's just something that he does, an action that captures the images in front of his eyes.

"I really don't think it's a talent," Mitchell said. "It's out there. I just take pictures of it."



Big Sandy Singers announce newest class

The Big Sandy Singers are the elite, student singing group who are all students at one of the four BSCTC campuses (Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Hager Hill) or on the Morhead Extended Campus at BSCTC. These students are chosen through an extensive audition process and receive scholarships to attend college.

The Singers were founded in the Fall of 2004 by Director Laura Ford Hall and BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards, with help from Provost Dr. Nancy Johnson. Since their inception, the Singers have performed over 200 shows and have brought a "go to college" and "drug free" message to over 18,000 elementary and high school students across the eastern Kentucky region with their school show and Big Sandy Idol programs.

"I am very excited about this upcoming year," said Hall. "We have a very talented, wonderful group. More than anything, I am so proud that all of these excellent singers are from right here at home. You will not find better talent anywhere than what you will find in eastern Kentucky."



photo courtesy of Linda Lyon
Pictured are the 2008-2009 Big Sandy Singers: (front row, from left) Erin Conley of Salyersville, Lindsey Small of Williamson, Candace Preece of Inez, Rhonda Alley of Prestonsburg, Recca Maynard of Prestonsburg, Sarah Adams of McDowell, Director Laura Ford Hall of Pikeville (second row) Caleb Tackett of Belfry, Dustin Newsome of Inez, Assistant Director Clayton Case of Betsy Layne, Susan Scott of Martin (third row) Braxton Lafferty of Inez, Brennan Case of Betsy Layne, and Technical Director Timothy C. Cooley of Prestonsburg.

(See SINGERS, page six)

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

There were more hits than misses this week with good entries from the action, comedy and animation genres.

■ "Doomsday" — Director Neil Marshall took a critical thumping for this action fest but, it deserves a look. In the future, a plague has caused part of England to be walled off, but when the disease returns, a crew must infiltrate no man's land and find out why the deadly virus is back. It's all just an excuse for some great chase scenes,

fighters and whacked-out costumes. Perhaps the critics wanted him to keep making films like "The Descent," but this effort shows that Marshall can use all manner of cinema tricks and gore effects to bring back the days of "Mad Max" and "Escape from New York." More power to him.

■ "Harold and Kumar 2: Escape from Guantanamo Bay" — The guys are back after their trip to White Castle and proceed to follow Harold's dream girl to Amsterdam. They, once again, are met with nothing but trouble and wind up being mistaken as terrorists. The humor is in full force here and

once again pokes fun at attitudes towards minorities and includes another killer cameo from Neil Patrick Harris. John Cho and Kal Penn are fine as the titular stoners and get ample support from a finely tuned cast that includes Rob Cordry ("The Daily Show").

■ "Lost Boys: The Tribe" — This sequel to the 1980s classic vampire film has none of the flash of the first. Corey Feldman tries hard as the only returning cast member, and seems to be enjoying himself, but he's the only one having a good time here. Once again vampires plague the new residents of a

California beach community but there's nothing new here.

■ "Freakazoid: The First Season" — The studio that brought you "Animaniacs" reined in on the superhero genre with this series. This one's a lot of fun and would probably still be on the air if the studio had marketed it towards adult audiences. That said it never had a chance to get stale so seek this one out if you enjoyed "The Tick."

Next week look for the family film "Nim's Island" and check out the intergalactic bug wars in "Starship Troopers 3."

Pikeville Medical Center offers free health screenings

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center joined forces with local Food Cities around the region Thursday to offer free health screenings that will continue through Saturday.

Patients from Pike, Floyd and Letcher counties are invited to take part in the screenings, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on July 31, August 1 and 2.

The screenings will be offered at five Food City Locations: Shalbiana and Cassidy Blvd. in Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Whitesburg and South Williamson.

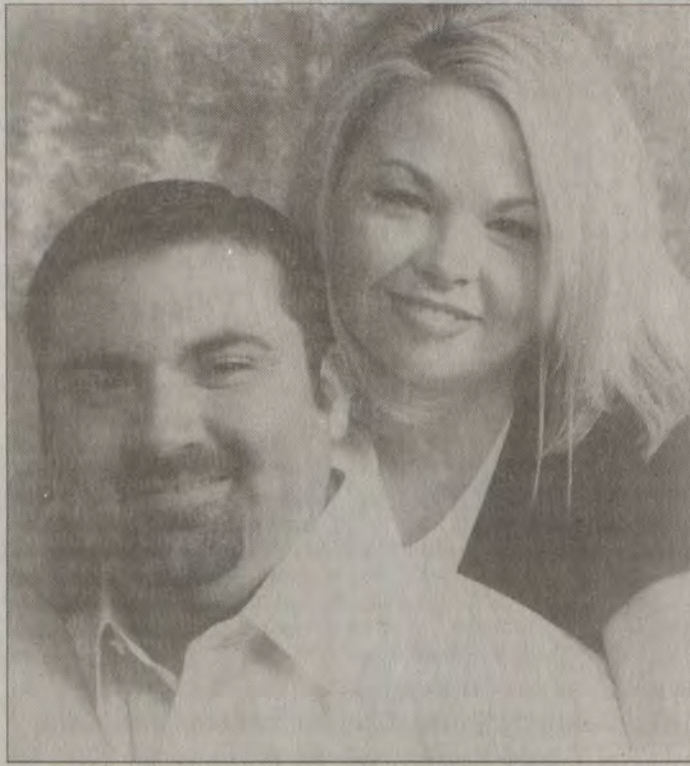
Among the screenings offered are: blood pressure, diabetes risk, peripheral vascular disease risk assessment, cholesterol, oxygen saturation and heart rate. Pikeville Medical Center's professional medical staff will personally explain each patient's screening results and answer any questions they may have.

The Food City Pharmacists' are also available to answer any questions patients may have concerning their prescriptions. A free patient medication card will be offered to anyone visiting the

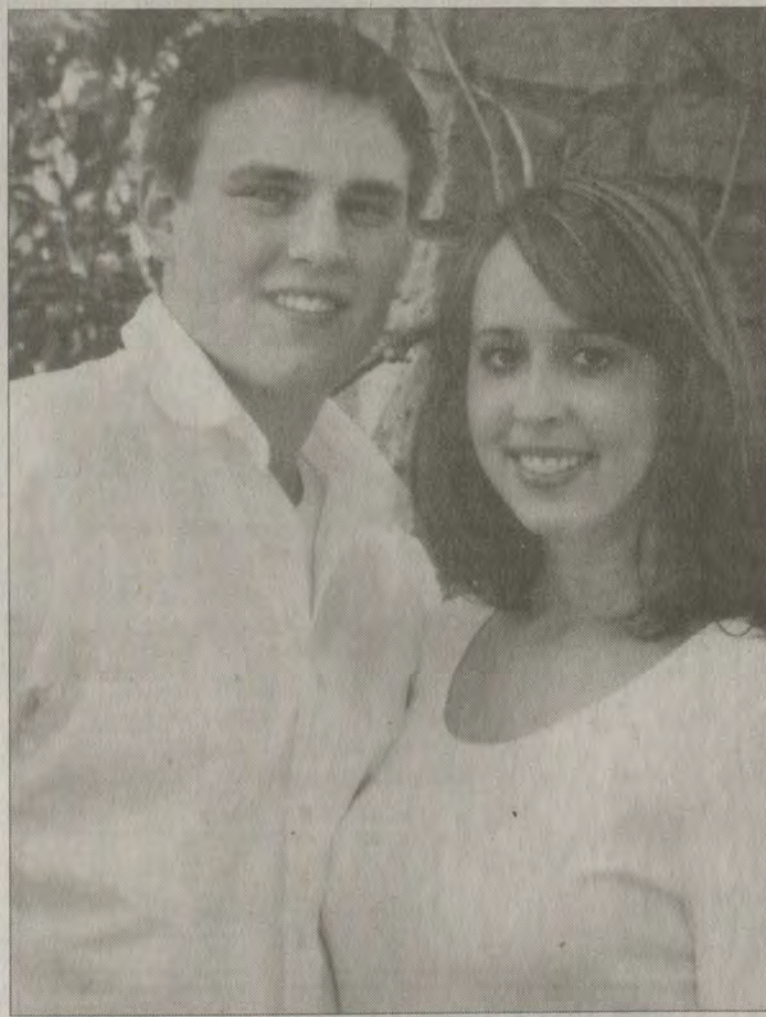
Health Screening booth.

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ments require patients to fast at least 8 hours before screenings take place.

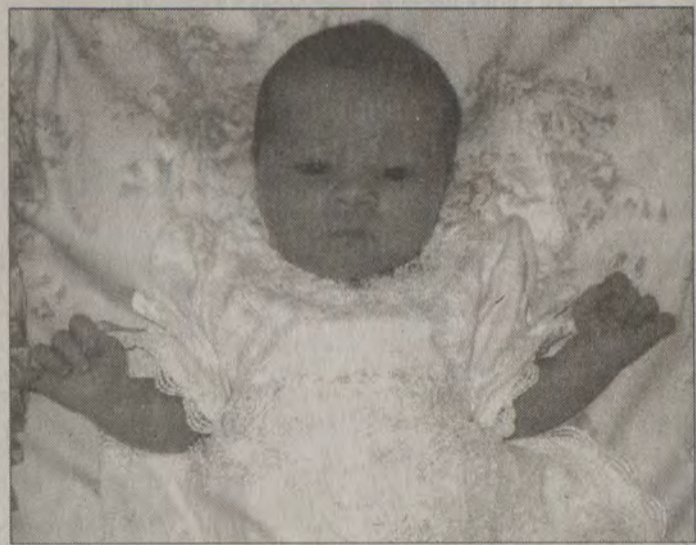
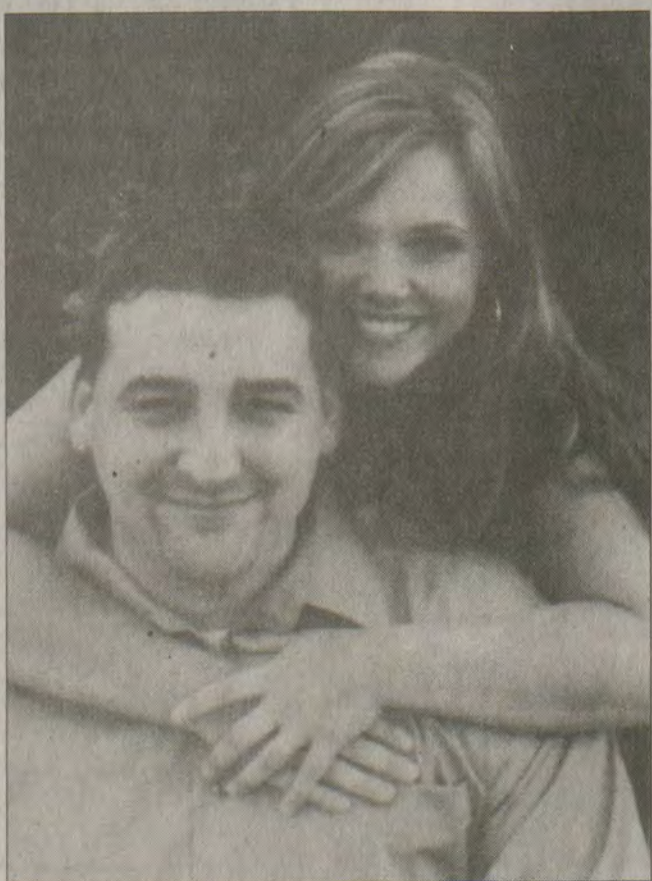


Bob and Rita Varney, of McDowell, are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sheena Lynn Ward, to Bradley Keith Hannah, son of Keith and Julia Ann Hannah, of Hagerhill. The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of South Floyd High School and a 2008 graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College with an associates degree in nursing. She is currently employed as a registered nurse with Big Sandy Health Care. She is the granddaughter of the late Guy and Flotina Jones, of McDowell. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 2004 graduate of Morehead State University with a bachelors degree in social science. He is the grandson of Gloria Blair, of Paintsville, the late Myron T. and Sarah June Hannah, of Hagerhill, and Kenneth Blair, of Paintsville. The wedding will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 5, 2008, at the Chapel at the Park in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Following a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, the couple will reside at Hagerhill.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hobson of Hi Hat are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Monica Leigh to Mr. Lucas Ryan Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Braun of Fort Thomas. The wedding will be on August 9, at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Christian Church in Lexington. Monica will graduate from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May of 2009. She is the granddaughter of Mary Jones of Ligon, and the late Robert L. Jones, and the late Leonard and Ruby Hobson. Lucas graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law on May 2, 2008. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vick of Fort Thomas, Wana Braun of Alexandria, and the late Charles Braun.

Debra Renee Young and Jesse Hall, III, will celebrate their marriage on August 1, 2008 at the First Church of God in Jackson, Ky. Renee is a librarian in Jackson and is the daughter of Earl and Mary Watkins, of Jackson. She is the granddaughter of Dora McIntosh, also of Jackson. Jesse is an assistant manager at the Jackson Walmart is the son of Jesse Jr. and Lella Hall, of Martin. He is the maternal grandson of William R. and Alicia Hughes, of Auxier, and the late Betty Jean Hughes, of Columbus, Ohio. He is the paternal grandson of the late Jesse and Pina Mae Hall, of Garrett. The maid of honor will be Salena McIntosh and the bridesmaids are Susan Pugh and Misty Combs. The flower girls are Abigail Morris, Crystal and Hannah McIntosh, and Hannah Bennington. The best man is Christopher Damron and the groomsmen will be Charles McGlothen and Jeremy Sexton. The couple plan on residing in Jackson after a honeymoon to the Smokies.



Drs. Blake and Shanna Leslie would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Karl Leslie. Alexandra was born May 28, 2008 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky. She weighed eight pounds and one ounce, and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ralph and Cynthia Moore, of Eddyville. Paternal grandparents are Darrell and Cheryl Leslie, of Prestonsburg.

Maternal great-grandparents are Marie Barnes of Salem, and the late Nicholas Barnes.

Paternal great-grandparents are Dr. Garland and Wonnell Godsey, of Prestonsburg, and Hester Leslie, of Prestonsburg, and the late Frank Leslie.

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HELLBOY 2: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13). Mon-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. 7:50-9:25; Sat-Sun. 6:50-9:20.
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Cinema 7—Held Over
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Cinema 8—Starts Friday, Aug. 1
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON KING (PG-13). Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
Cinema 9—Held Over
BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13). Mon-Sun. 8:30; Fri. (5:15) 8:30; Sat-Sun. (1:45-5:15) 8:30.
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X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13). Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

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Legals

LEGAL NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that certain landowners residing in the vicinity of the following road have requested that the following

roads or portions of roads be discontinued by the Floyd County Fiscal Court: (1) County Road, located off of the roadway known as Brown Street and Buchanan Street in Auxier in Floyd County, Kentucky approximately 200 feet long and 15 feet wide. Pursuant to KRS 178.070 and KRS 178.050, it is, therefore, necessary that notice be given and a public hearing on the request be scheduled for August 15, 2008, to take place during the Floyd County Fiscal Court's Meeting on that date.

Notice is now given by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 178.070 and KRS 178.050, of the following actions: (1) County Road, located off of the roadway known as Brown Street and Buchanan Street in Auxier in Floyd County, Kentucky approximately 200 feet long and 15 feet wide. (2) That the County Judge/Executive has been previously authorized or will be authorized to advertise the proposed discontinuance of the sections of road in question and to appoint two (2) viewers for the affected sections of

road, in addition to the County Road Supervisor, for the purposes of preparing a report regarding the discontinuance of the road or portion of road in question; and (3) That a final hearing regarding discontinuance of the road in question be scheduled to take place during the Court's Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 15, 2008 in the County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on August 15th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky.

1998 Ford Employer, Serial Number: 1FMDU35POVUA85608. All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patricia Moore, P.O. Box 784, Harold, KY 41635, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a retail beer by-the-drink license(s) no later than August 15. The business to be licensed will be located at 20 Frontier Lane, Harold, Kentucky 41635, doing business as Harold Sportsman Bar & Grill. The owner(s), principal officers and directors, limited partners; or members are as follows: Manager, Patricia Moore of P.O. Box 784, Harold, KY 41635.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application

Number 836-5537

Operator Change In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that HWP, LLC, 2532 Abbeywood Place, Lexington, KY 40515, intends to revise permit number 836-5557 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Jaguar Mining, Inc., 10237 Ky. Rt. 122, McDowell, KY 41647. The new operator will be Coal Diggers, Inc. 710 Puncheon Road, Kite, KY 41828.

The operation is located 0.4 mile southwest of Tram, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.6 mile southwest from U.S. 23 and Ky. Rt. 460 junction with Mare Creek Road, and located approximately 0.01 mile east of Powell Branch. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°34'02", and longitude 82°39'07".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY

41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-7012

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Mat/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653,

has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 0.07 miles east of Big Branch in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 37.98 surface acres within the permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.52 miles southeast from KY 3's junction with KY 1428 and located along Big Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 72 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the haul road only method of surface mining. The sur-

face area to be disturbed is owned by Frank and Judith Adams, Tri-Star Development, Inc., and Alma Land Company. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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