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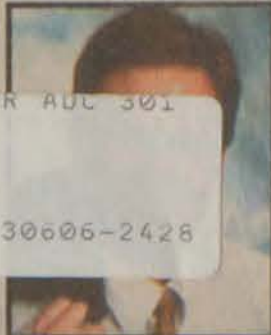
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## Nothing's shocking

### Three up, three down in Floyd Circuit Court

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge John David Caudill didn't appear to be very cooperative concerning shock probation on Friday, as he overruled all of the three motions scheduled.

The first motion heard was requesting shock probation for Stevie Hall. In response to Hall's reasons for the request, Caudill said that Hall had not been in prison and if he thought the Floyd County Detention Center was like being in prison it wasn't.

"It ain't even close," said Caudill. Caudill told Hall that he had not been in the real world and overruled the motion.

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photo by Amanda M. Arnett

On Friday, Missy Wells, a nurse from the blood center in Prestonsburg, took blood from Heather Conley, a frequent blood donor who works for 911 dispatch.

## Blood center fighting shortage with volunteers

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — According to officials at the Central Kentucky Blood Center, Central and Eastern Kentucky are in a serious need of blood.

Dawn Wheeler, recruitment specialist for the center, believes that there are different factors that contributed to the shortage.

"High transfusions, low donor turnout and the

summer season are to blame," Wheeler said.

Wheeler explained that the summer season presents a problem due to the fact that schools are no longer in session.

"Schools are our major source of blood," Wheeler said.

Due to the shortage, the Central Kentucky Blood Center has asked physicians at area hospi-

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## Court upholds black-lung rules that help miners get benefits

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - A federal appeals court on Friday largely upheld Clinton-era rules that give miners easier access to black lung benefits.

"That is a great victory for black lung victims nationwide," said Cecil Roberts, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

The National Mining Association, the industry's trade group, had urged the three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to throw out the regulations, which the Bush administration defended.

Bruce Watzman, vice president for safety and health at the mining association, would not comment on the verdict. He said the association was reviewing the decision.

The new rules are expected to make it easier for miners to get benefits by limiting the amount of medical evidence that needs to be submitted for black-lung claims.

Under the old rules, mine operators were allowed to submit an unlimited number of medical opinions, effectively cutting off would-be beneficiaries by keeping their claims in litigation for years.

Black-lung disease impairs breathing and is caused by long-term exposure to coal dust. The union estimates more than 1,500 miners die from complications related to the disease each year.

In issuing the decision, the judges wrote of a clear need for limits. They cited one case, in which a mine operator sub-

(See BLACK LUNG, page seven)

## Refusal to pay is reason to stay

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Stephanie R. Estep, 24, was scheduled to enter a plea to theft by unlawful taking Friday, but her refusal to comply with court requests resulted in incarceration.

According to court records, Estep was arrested on Oct. 29 on charges of theft by unlawful taking.

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## Judge lowers bond for toy gun robbery suspect

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Bond was lowered from \$50,000 to \$20,000 cash on Friday, June 14, for Scott Andrew Halbert, 19, of Leburn, who has been charged with first-degree robbery for allegedly holding up a gas station with a plastic gun.

The robbery occurred May 16, at the Autobahn station in Eastern at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Police reported that April Leigh Cook, 21, of Mousie, entered the store that evening and appeared to be checking it out. As she was leaving, Halbert entered the store wearing a ski mask and a heavy

jacket. Halbert was believed to be in possession of a shotgun when he allegedly demanded that the clerk give him the money from the register. After getting the money, Halbert and Cook allegedly left the scene together in a gray Chevy S-10 pickup.

According to records, the couple was apprehended about a half mile from the scene of the robbery and upon searching the vehicle, police located a bag of money, a blue ski mask and a green army jacket.

The weapon, which turned out to be a plastic toy, was later found

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

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## Knott plant is first application for new state 'siting' board

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A plan for a generator in Knott County that would sell electricity on the open market is the first to be submitted to a state board created to review proposed sites for power plants.

The plant proposed by Kentucky Mountain Power LLC would burn coal

to generate power at 500 megawatts.

The new board — the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting — was created this year by the General Assembly. It was prompted by a flurry of applications for privately developed "merchant" plants that would not ordinarily be subject to

(See APPLICATION, page eight)

## Porter student's wish comes true

by AMANDA M. ARNETT  
STAFF WRITER

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dreams do come true and 10-year-old Shala Spradlin is living proof of that.

On April 20, Spradlin was the guest of honor at a surprise party, where she discovered that the Make-A-Wish Foundation would be sending her along with her family to Florida for a whole week of fun in the sun.

Shala, who has a genetic disease called cystic fibrosis, was nominated for the trip by Porter Elementary School nurse Nancy Allison.

On May 11, the family, which included her mother, step-father, brother, grandfather and aunt,

(See WISH, page eight)



Make-A-Wish volunteer Jody Collins threw the surprise party for Shala Spradlin on April 20, when she discovered that she would be vacationing in Florida for a week.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Ernest Collins and Friends, fronted by 11-year-old fiddle phenom Ernest Collins, entertained a crowd at the Red Light Diner in Prestonsburg on Friday.

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# Odds and Ends

**■ NORTH FOND DU LAC, Wis.** — The organizers of a raffle ran into a little bad luck of their own.

The top prize — a boat, motor and trailer worth \$18,000 — was stolen sometime this week while parked at a convenience store, said Katie

Horning, a member of the Pride Days planning committee.

Last month, the boat was hit by a pickup while on display at a truck stop.

The raffle's winner, however, won't be out of luck.

The festival has insurance, so organizers already bought a

replacement prize for the raffle later this month, she said.

**■ ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — Bird watching has never been so easy.

Four cameras offer a bird's-eye view of two peregrine falcon chicks that hatched last

month in a box atop Eastman Kodak's 19-story office tower.

The young birds of prey, Freedom and Isis, were removed from their nest Wednesday and given identification bands. Parents Mariah and Kaver wheeled around overhead while the chicks were removed by conservation officials.

Kodak's Web site (birdcam.kodak.com) offers four camera views of the nest box. It recorded a million hits last year and features a lively electronic bulletin board.

The peregrine falcon is the world's fastest bird, reaching a diving speed of up to 200 mph and a horizontal speed up to 60 mph.

**■ KENNEWICK, Wash.** — Daisy D. Duck is about to get the boot from City Hall. It's just not wild enough for her and her five offspring.

Daisy flew into the City Hall atrium in this eastern Washington town in early May and wasted no time building a nest in the trees and bushes of the courtyard. Soon there were five ducklings.

Municipal workers later brought a toddler's swimming pool for the duck family to use

for paddling and cooling off.

Now, most municipal workers as well as wildlife officials agree the family will be better off in the wild, and the move is being made before the little ones are old enough to fly.

"They are so fun to watch," Public Works Director Ken Nelson said. "It is better than watching TV."

**■ VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.** — Skill? Karma? Determination?

No, just chalk it up to pure

luck, says golfer Tom Terrill of his two holes-in-one during the same round Thursday.

The 57-year-old Terrill had one previous hole-in-one in a 30-year career as a frustrated golfer. The retired Navy captain and former fighter pilot made the aces on par-3 holes on Aeropines Golf Course's Hornet Course at Oceana Naval Air Station.

"You can't use the phrase 'pure luck' too often," Terrill

(See **ODDS**, page three)

## Highway safety fair aimed at reducing accidents on US 23

LOUISA — On June 20, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., R&J Development's property next to the Lawrence County Industrial Site will be transformed into a festival of exhibits and demonstrations for motorists who travel U.S. 23 in Eastern Kentucky. The site is on the Louisa Bypass near the junction of U.S. 23 and Route 32.

The purpose of the program — dubbed "US 23: Sharing the Road," a highway safety fair organized by the Big Sandy Regional

Highway Safety Committee — is to reduce accidents and injuries along the heavily traveled four-lane between Ashland to the north and the Virginia line just beyond Letcher County to the south.

"We want to increase safety awareness among truckers and all motorists on U.S. 23," said Marty Slone, safety director at Beechfork Processing, one of the event's organizers. "We all have to travel this important highway, and we all need to learn how to

share the road safely."

The event begins at 10 a.m., with presentations from Linda Wagner-Justice, chief engineer of Department of Highways District 12; Jeff Bibb, Kentucky Drive Smart coordinator from Frankfort; and Terry Chisholm of the Federal Highway Safety Administration.

Continuous music, free food and soft drinks, and visits from Buckle Up Bear as well as Crash

(See **HIGHWAY**, page five)



The above McDowell Elementary students were honored on the last day of school for having perfect attendance with no tardies for the 2001-2002 academic school year. The trophies were donated by Dr. Mary Hall. Pictured from left to right are, front row, Eric Wright, Sarah Akers, Andrea Conn and Ashley Wallen; and, back row, Corey Paige, Christopher Gibson, Kody Little and Jacob Johnson.

## Six counties selected for post-election audit

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Knott County was one of six counties randomly selected Thursday for a post-election audit by the attorney general.

Other counties chosen for the audit were Anderson, Butler, Meade, Scott and Woodford.

State law requires the attorney general to conduct a post-election audit and file a report with the grand jury in each of six randomly selected counties. The audit includes a check of election forms and interviews with county officials.

## Game wardens using dogs to catch poachers, find lost people

by **ROGER ALFORD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — With darkness falling, a mother and son were no closer to finding their way out of a dense Eastern Kentucky forest.

Ruby Jean Wagers and 12-year-old Cornelius had gotten lost in April while collecting herbs in Breathitt County, and ended up huddling together for warmth and waiting for help, which finally arrived on a leash.

Allie, one of three track dogs used by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, led a rescue party through the mountains to find the pair.

"They were pretty happy to

see us," said state wildlife officer Doug Vaughn. "They weren't in any life-threatening situation, but they'd of had to spend a long, chilly night if we hadn't found them."

Vaughn said that was just one of the ways the dogs have proven their usefulness over the past year, and one more reason why the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is looking to add more dogs to their canine brigade.

State wildlife officers began using the dogs primarily in the fight against poaching, but have also found them useful in finding people who lose their way in the mountains, said Major Charles Browning.

"We've had them on several

occasions to go out and find people who were lost," Browning said. "We've decided to add more dogs across the state because we've had such good luck with them. We're looking for people who have dogs they might want to donate to the program."

Forget German shepherds or Dobermans, Vaughn said wildlife officers are looking for gentler breeds, preferably Labrador retrievers like Allie.

"We don't want vicious dogs," Vaughn said. "We want nice, friendly dogs that the sportsmen who pay our salaries can relate to."

To be considered for service, Vaughn said the dogs also need to be intelligent and highly energetic with enough heart to track poachers or lost people for miles through steep terrain.

Allie, a 75-pound lab who rides with Vaughn on a daily basis, also is trained to sniff out guns or locate poached deer, elk, turkeys and ducks and the people who would illegally shoot them.

The dog's former owner, Bonnie Feltner of Corbin, said she recognized the potential in Allie and wanted her to get the opportunity to help others. That, she said, is why she donated Allie to the state.

"I'm very proud of her," Feltner said. "She always had so much drive. It's amazing that she can distinguish what she's looking for, whether a person, an animal or a weapon of some sort."

Browning said the wildlife agency wants to add six more dogs so that wildlife officers across the state have relatively quick access to one when needed.

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## OSM orders closure of Harlan County sludge pond

The Associated Press

HARLAN — The Office of Surface Mining has ordered Harlan-Cumberland Coal Co. to stop pumping coal waste into a 64-acre impoundment at Totz in Harlan County.

Inspectors issued the company citation on Wednesday for exceeding the maximum state-approved level of sludge in the pond by more than 3 feet.

Harlan-Cumberland manager Joseph Bennett said the order effectively closes the coal company's operations at Totz, which could idle up to 300 miners. A lawyer for the company, Kent Hendrickson, said legal avenues are being pursued to stop the shutdown.

"We're taking every legal action we can," Hendrickson told The Harlan Daily Enterprise.

Environmentalists argue that company officials knew for months that the pond was approaching elevation limits.

"I am at a loss to understand how the company could have allowed themselves to get into this situation," said Tom Fitzgerald, director of the Kentucky Resource Council, an environmental law group in Frankfort.

After inspecting the

impoundment in April, state officials issued a notice of non-compliance to Harlan-Cumberland and ordered that no additional coal wastes be pumped into the pond.

Harlan County Circuit Judge Ron Johnson issued a permanent injunction restricting the state from enforcing that order.

The OSM notice requires the company to stop pumping additional slurry into the impoundment until the elevation is lowered or until the state gives the company permission to exceed the elevation permitted.

The state has steadfastly refused to allow Harlan-Cumberland to enlarge the pond or exceed the limits.

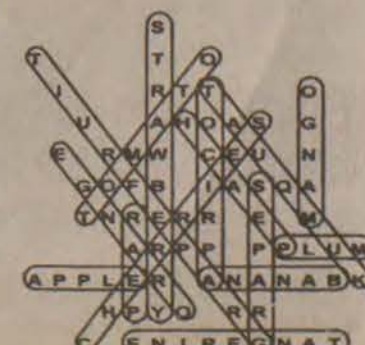
Correspondence from state officials to the company expressed concern that the sludge in the impoundment could leak out through underground mine shafts.

State experts have testified that the potential for a break exists on the Totz pond floor, where a 10-foot barrier separates 110 feet of sludge from the underground mines.

A similar impoundment in Martin County that failed in 2000 had a thicker barrier, yet it allowed 300 million gallons of sludge to escape into the Big Sandy River and its tributaries.



FRUITS



# Physician arrested after seven patients die

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky doctor was arrested on charges that he prescribed drugs for non-medical purposes.

Dr. Rodolfo Santos also had his physician's license suspended after seven of his patients died in the past year, allegedly from drug overdoses.

Santos was a family practitioner at a South Shore medical clinic who, according to the state Board of Medical Licensure, saw 40 to 60 patients a day — all of them drug addicts who paid in cash. The board ordered Santos to stop practicing medicine Monday.

Santos was also charged

Monday with seven felony counts of prescribing a controlled substance for non-medical purposes. He is being held on a \$70,000 cash bond in the Greenup County Detention Center on the charges. Each carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

The medical board said Santos is the third doctor at the Plaza Health Care clinic to be accused of drug offenses and have his license suspended. The other two, Frederick Cohn and Yakov Drabovskiy, were indicted last summer on federal charges of misprescribing drugs, including OxyContin, and are scheduled to stand trial Aug. 14. For more than a year, state

and federal law enforcement officials have focused on halting trafficking in addictive prescription drugs, including OxyContin, a painkiller blamed for dozens of deaths in eastern Kentucky. Two doctors in Kentucky and four in Virginia have been convicted of federal charges of misprescribing OxyContin.

In its emergency suspension order and in a complaint issued Monday, the board said it began investigating Santos after an Ohio coroner notified the board in November that one of Santos' patients had died of an overdose of Ativan, an anti-anxiety medication.

"This is a familiar pattern to

us and warrants your attention," the Scioto County coroner told the board, according to its records.

A U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent later told a board investigator that six other patients Santos treated had died of drug overdoses within the past year, the records state. The records do not say what drugs Santos is accused of prescribing to those patients.

The charges filed Monday against Santos by the FIVCO Area Drug Enforcement Task Force involved the pain medications hydrocodone and Soma; Xanax, an anti-anxiety drug; and Adipex, a diet pill often misused as a stimulant.

Santos, when interviewed by a medical board investigator, said all his patients were drug addicts, according to the board records.

"I know they are all addicts, but who will help them?" Santos told the investigator, according to the records obtained by The Courier-Journal of Louisville.

"He noted that his patients travel 100 miles to come see him, from Hazard, Paintsville, Prestonsburg and Huntington, W. Va.," the investigator stated in the records.

The investigator also stated that Santos told him that he "tells the patients that they need to cut back on their medications.... He stated that he is rehabilitating the patients, and the board should give him a medal."

The state board had another physician review the medical records of 18 of Santos' patients, including some of those who had died of overdoses.

"Particularly troubling are the number of deaths that have

occurred without medical records even being present ... in some instances," the board's consultant concluded. "Within a reasonable degree of medical probability, Dr. Santos contributed to the deaths of the cases reviewed."

The licensure board's complaint against Santos is the first step in disciplinary proceedings, which could result in the revocation of his license if he is found to have violated state laws. The board scheduled a public hearing on the complaint for Oct. 30-31.

## Odds

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said when asked for the details of his shots, which came in a round of 81.

Last Saturday, he'd proudly witnessed the marriage of his youngest daughter, and said that day was "far more beautiful and special than anything that happened on the golf course today."

# Weinberg certified Senate primary winner, Barlow endorses

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lois Combs Weinberg got a public endorsement Friday from Tom Barlow, whom she outspent 100 to 1 but defeated by fewer than 1,000 votes in winning the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate.

They held a joint news conference at state Democratic headquarters in Frankfort, then headed to Murray for a second appearance. Western Kentucky went overwhelmingly for Barlow in the May 28 primary election. Weinberg said she has concentrated on that area since the primary and will keep doing so.

"I've told my friends I'm going to come and camp out," she said.

Weinberg now is trying to promote party unity and generate enthusiasm for a fall campaign to unseat Republican U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell — a formidable objective under any circumstances. McConnell is running for a fourth term.

Barlow said a "sharp, intense primary" served to shape issues. "I wanted us as Democrats to present the strongest possible platform to go up against Mitch McConnell," he said.

Earlier Friday, Weinberg was certified as the Democratic nominee by the State Board of Elections. She staved off Barlow by 958 votes — two-tenths of 1

percent of the 461,068 votes cast.

The margin was established after a canvass in which Kentucky's 120 county clerks double-checked precinct totals. Barlow did not ask for a recount, an expensive undertaking in which literally every ballot would be counted again.

Barlow, who spent \$6,000, carried the westernmost 1st District, which he once represented in Congress, by nearly 3-1. He got nearly 60 percent of the vote in the 2nd District.

Weinberg, who spent \$600,000, won on the strength of voting in urban areas. She carried Jefferson County by 18,000 votes and Fayette County by 12,000. She also carried her

home region, the rural 5th District, by 18,000 votes.

Weinberg said her poor showing in western Kentucky was evidence of people's affection for Barlow, not a repudiation of herself. "He's tough and he's well-liked," she said.

Weinberg, well-funded but never before a candidate, has been criticized since the May 28 primary for doing little personal campaigning. She relied instead on advertising and the backing of the Democratic Party establishment, including Gov. Paul Patton.

Barlow was not an unknown. He won a congressional seat in 1992, lost it in the Republican landslide of 1994, and ran again in the Senate primary of 1996. But the closeness of his challenge was stunning, even to himself. At one point as vote totals rolled in on election night, Barlow remarked: "It's a miracle."

Weinberg told Barlow: "I'm humbled by your support and welcome all you're going to do for us."

Asked by a reporter what that would be, Barlow was at first noncommittal. He said he had to get back to his business. He later indicated he would make some further appearances with Weinberg.

## Game

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"Any reason you would have to want to find someone quickly — whether a child or an Alzheimer's patient who has wandered away or a poacher who is hiding in the woods — that's what these dogs are for,"

Vaughn said.

People with dogs they want to have considered as trackers for the Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources can call (502) 564-3400.



Trooper Steve Spurlock with his fiancée, Jeannie Hunt, after receiving his commendations.

# U.S. 23 resurfacing work starts Monday

PAINTSVILLE — Motorists will face lane closures and traffic delays along U.S. 23 beginning Monday.

Doug Wright, construction branch manager for Highway District 12, said a major resurfacing project from the junction of Route 321 north of Paintsville to the Lawrence County line will get underway and it is expected to continue throughout the construction season, which means work will be ongoing until at least Nov. 1. The area covers about nine miles.

"This area will be an official work zone," Wright explained, "which means that motorists who do not observe speed limit

signs or who have other moving violations could pay double fines."

Motorists should simply prepare to travel more slowly on this section of the four-lane highway.

"One lane in each direction will be closed," Wright said, "and people will be working in those lanes. So drivers need to be especially cautious because they will be passing very close to people, not just equipment."

Wright said the state is using several types of "experimental mix" on this section of road, trying to determine which material is more durable and desirable.

"The material used last year

on the Allen to Prestonsburg rehab project is highly porous," Wright said. "Drivers have probably noticed that the road is not as wet now as it was this time last year. This means that the surface mix material is sealing itself."

Wright said the various mixes that will be used on the Route 321-to-Lawrence County line project will also be porous material, but should result in less pooling and runoff than the mix used in the rehab project last year.

"We always appreciate people's patience and understanding," Wright said, "as we try to improve the roadways in District 12 to make driving safer and more convenient."

"This project is going to take several months to complete. It may even take until next spring's construction season to finish it, so we ask people to just prepare themselves mentally when they get on the road. Realize you're going to have delays and have to drive slower through the work zone, and the experience will be a lot less stressful for everyone."



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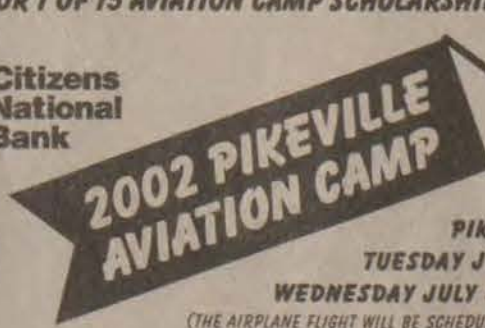
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— Felix Frankfurter

## Guestview

# Something should have been done before

One obvious question is: Why did it take a note from an Ohio coroner to prompt effective scrutiny of Dr. Rodolfo Santos' practice at the Plaza Health Care clinic in Greenup County?

Another question is: Practicing what? A physician hired by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to review the records of 18 Santos patients found that some included no diagnostic or therapeutic plans, and others included histories, physicals and case notes that the consultant wouldn't accept from a first-year med student. Santos says he was weaning patients away from drugs, but the consultant says, "It is clear that it was, primarily a cash transaction."

What patients did with their nerve, pain and diet drugs when they got back home is not publicly known. What is obvious is that many mountain communities are centers for the unlawful sale and illicit use of prescription medicine.

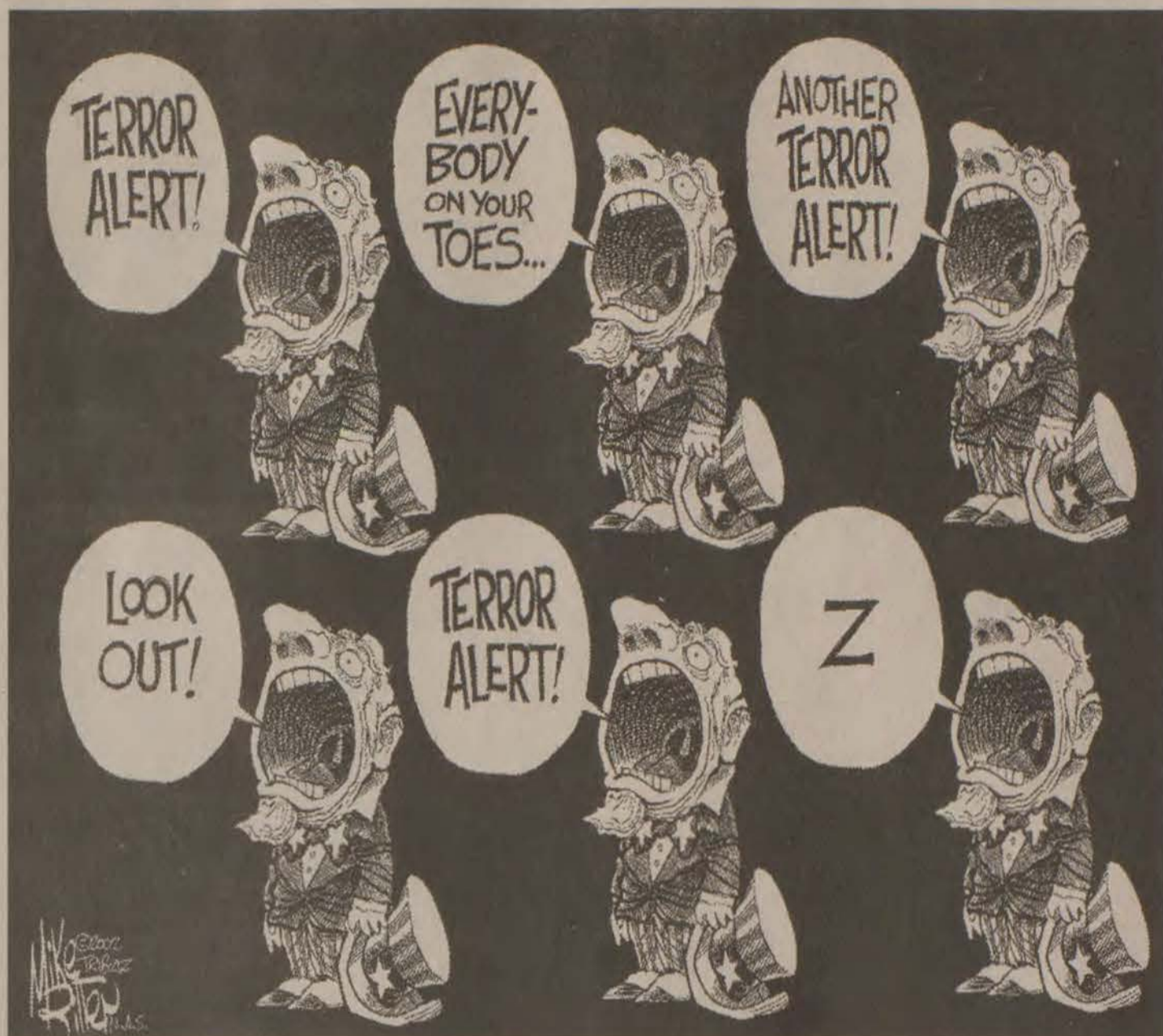
The good news is that Santos has been arrested, and his medical license suspended. But two of his clinic colleagues had been indicted last summer on charges of misprescribing drugs.

It wasn't until November, however, after an Ohio coroner reported that one of Santos' patients had died from an overdose of Ativan, that the board began a thorough check of his practice. As it turned out, six other patients had died from drug overdoses over a one-year period.

And it was only last week that a six-month probe of his activities by federal, state and local officers resulted in charges.

The culture of prescription drug abuse is especially apparent in Central Appalachia, and long has been. That, combined with earlier indictment of two Plaza Health Care doctors should have rung alarm bells. But for too many months, the public heard only the sounds of silence. What it needed was full information on which to act.

— The Louisville Courier-Journal



## — beyond the beltway

# The class war is over — we lost

by DONALD KAUL

Dear fellow chumps: I am about to fire yet another salvo in the Class War. Those of you who have no stomach for rhetorical violence are excused from the room. (I assume some of you are happy with cutting taxes on the rich because you're planning on being rich yourself one of these days. Ha ha.)

I realize that I risk looking like one of those Japanese soldiers who, periodically in the years after World War II, would emerge from the jungle of some small Pacific island unaware that the war was over. The Class War is over; the rich guys won. I know that.

Still, every once in a while an example of how the public is getting hosed by corporate America appears in so egregious a form as to demand comment.

The rise and fall of Dennis Kozlowski is such an example.

Kozlowski, of course, is the deposed head of Tyco International, the high-flying conglomerate that has fallen on evil times of late. During the go-go 1990s it was one of Wall Street's darlings and Kozlowski was widely considered to be a financial genius by the smart boys on The Street. Tyco's stock sold for \$60 a share as recently as last December.

And then — poof! — it collapsed like an unlucky soufflé, taking Mr. Kozlowski with it. Or perhaps it was the other way around. The event that precipitated Kozlowski's resignation was his indictment for tax evasion.

"The resignation is forcing everyone to question whether Kozlowski acted with the same kind of poor judgment in his professional life as he appears to have done in his private life," one analyst told the Washington Post.

Poor judgment? No, friend. Al Capone had poor judgment. Kozlowski's a crook. Nor is he alone. He is only the latest of a string of big time corporate executives who, with the help of compliant accountants, doctored the books of their companies to inflate stock prices, so that they could make killings and leave the public holding the (empty)

bag. Does the name Enron ring a bell?

And Kozlowski, whatever else you think of him, was an expert at making a killing. According to the New York Times, his total compensation between 1998 and 2001 ranged between \$52 million and \$107 million a year, totaling \$326 million.

Tyco, apparently unendingly generous, also "loaned" Kozlowski \$300 million — which he repaid by giving back Tyco stock, which had been given him. You would think that would be enough for even a greedy man, wouldn't you? It wasn't. Kozlowski also accepted a \$75,000 fee for sitting on his own board (something only the most shameless of chief executives do) and worked out a scam so that he could avoid paying New York's sales

tax on some hugely expensive paintings he bought for himself.

That's what did him in, finally. A Manhattan grand jury indicted him for evading more than \$1 million in taxes, and things immediately fell apart.

Things have gotten so bad in corporate America that even investment bankers are gagging on the corruption.

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# The silent patients speak

by JIM DAVIDSON

Have you ever thought about the thousands of people in this country who spend countless hours confined to a bed in a hospital or a nursing home, who for one reason or another cannot speak for themselves or make their wishes known?

If I had family or loved ones in this condition, I would want to know they were receiving the best possible medical care, but I would also want to know that the people who were taking care of them were thoughtful, tenderhearted and kind, especially in light of a touching article I read awhile back.

This article is titled "The Silent Patients Speak," and it was written by Anita Wildhaver, a registered nurse. If you have never had a reason to contemplate the plight of people in this condition, I believe the message this article contains will speak to your heart.

"Though we can't speak, see, or move of our own will, we are living beings. We are your stroke patients, the

brain damaged, and all your other patients who by illness or injury are locked inside the dark, silent shells of our bodies. We can't cry out in pain or discomfort, regardless of how severe they are. We can't express anger, despair, disgust or even happiness.

"But hear us, you walking, talking, feeling, doing beings. Some of us are aware. We hear, think and know. We are not living vegetables, nor do we think we would be 'better off dead.' We still have enough self-respect to be embarrassed at hearing your conversation about your personal problems and your sex lives.

"We are frightened by your conversations that relate the latest gossip about the questionable ability of the doctor who is responsible for our care, for his knowledge must be used to save us, if we are to ever recover.

"We feel shame at having our bodies exposed for any and all to see. It does matter to us that we lie in feces or urine for hours, and our muscles ache with pain from the strain of remaining in one position without being moved. We can feel our mouths filled with mucus, dry-

ing and caking to form ulcerated areas. We can feel the stomach cramps from ice-cold tube feedings with all the speed and lack of concern of pouring water down the drain.

"We can feel the pain of our skin breaking down from poor and careless nursing care. We can also feel joy — the joy derived from the firm, gentle touch of a person giving us good nursing care. We can rest more carefully when we are bathed, when our mouths and lips are cleansed, when our bodies are correctly positioned, when good skin care is given, when our beds are made neat and straight. We can appreciate being told when procedures are about to be done, before they are begun."

Thanks, Anita, your words have so much meaning and, hopefully, my sharing this will help some of these dear people receive better care.

The vast majority of people in the nursing profession are kind, thoughtful and considerate, and highly qualified from a medical standpoint.

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# Faith Extra

## Former KKK leader becomes minister against racism

by CLAYTON BELLAMY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TULSA, Okla. — Ku Klux Klan leader Johnny Lee Clary patted his white sheet as he waited in the radio station for his debate opponent, a civil rights activist.

Clary expected the Rev. Wade Watts to hate whites as much as Clary hated blacks. But then Watts stunned Clary. He walked into the broadcast booth, smiled and told the then-Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan that he loved him.

Clary was stunned. He had set a fire that damaged Watts' McAlester church — a crime for which he was never prosecuted. Still, he couldn't help but shake the reverend's extended hand,

despite the KKK rule against touching blacks.

That night in 1979, Clary first began to doubt his racist convictions. In another decade, he left the Klan as Imperial Wizard and a couple of years after that he began his itinerant ministry against racism.

He now draws crowds around the world who come to hear his story of failure and redemption, of overcoming racism in one of its ugliest forms.

Clary credits much of his transformation to Watts, who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and led the Oklahoma NAACP for 16 years. The men became close friends before Watts' death in 1998.

"He taught me what it was

like to be black, what black people feel about the things they've been through," Clary said recently at his small Tulsa apartment, a poster of King behind him. "I became a man who looked at himself in the mirror and decided it was time to change that man."

Clary, who turns 43 this month, spent his early childhood in Oklahoma. But when he was 11, his father committed suicide — shooting himself in the head with a handgun in front of his son — and the boy was sent to

Los Angeles to live with his sister.

Living in a gang-ridden neighborhood, mostly among kids from other races, Clary didn't fit in. Racism he had learned in Oklahoma — he remembers his father directing a racial slur at a black man when he was 5 — became ingrained as Clary was shunted aside.

"Nobody seemed to care about this 14-year-old kid," Clary said. "I was about ready to give up when I turned on the TV and saw David Duke talking

about the KKK."

The white supremacist's speech reminded Clary of talks his father had had with his uncle, a Klansman from Georgia. Clary wrote Duke, who sent a man to his Los Angeles door.

That Klansman wore a big belt buckle, glasses and a western shirt, and reminded Clary of his father.

"You've been through a horrible life," Clary remembered the man telling him. "What you need is a family, and the words

'Ku Klux Klan' comes from the Greek word 'kuklux' which means circle and 'Klan' from Scotland, which means family."

Clary joined the Klan youth corps, becoming an adult member at 17 and quickly rising through the ranks. Returning to Oklahoma, he became the Grand Dragon there and later the Imperial Wizard, a rank similar to national spokesman.

After meeting with Watts, Clary began to question his

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## Southern Baptists elect new president; 50 gay-rights protesters arrested

by ALLEN G. BREED  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — The new president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination says dwindling attendance at its annual convention is no indication of the denomination's strength.

"The direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, the focus of the Southern Baptist Convention is clear," the Rev. Jack Graham of Plano, Texas, said following his election Tuesday. "I believe it's a new day for Southern Baptists."

The convention on Wednesday adopted resolutions supporting the state of Israel, praying for peace in the Middle East and calling on Palestinians "to reform their government structures to repudiate terrorism and tyranny."

It also adopted a resolution concerning the Roman Catholic

sex-abuse scandal, acknowledging "our own fallenness and the need to prevent such appalling sins from happening within our own ranks." The convention called on Southern Baptist churches to "discipline those guilty of any sexual abuse in obedience" with Scripture "as well as to cooperate with civil authorities in the prosecution of those cases."

Gay-rights activists tried to disrupt outgoing President James Merritt's keynote speech on Tuesday, and 50 protesters were arrested. Among the protesters were a dozen from the group SoulForce, which claims Southern Baptist teachings lead to violence against gays, bisexuals and transsexuals.

"Stop killing us," one man shouted as police dragged him behind the curtains at America's Center. "Stop the spiritual vio-

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## Roman Catholic lay group draws support from around the world in midst of sex scandal

by ROBERT O'NEILL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWTON, Mass. — In a crowded church basement, founders of a Roman Catholic lay group discussed the church's future in the wake of a sex scandal, their stated purpose on a banner above them:

"Keep the faith, change the church."

The goal may be monumental but the idea has resonated. The Voice of the Faithful has grown in just a couple of months from a single parish to an organization with 14,000 members in 240 parishes in at least 40 states and 20 countries.

"I felt in our church a disconnect between the hierarchy and the people of the parish," said Ellie Norris, who attended the meeting to learn about starting a group in the Ipswich area. "Voice of the Faithful is full of people who don't want to go anywhere. Leaving (the church) is not an option."

The group was formed by

Jim Muller, a cardiologist whose work with the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985. Anguished by revelations of priest abuse in the Boston Archdiocese and the failure of church officials to

prevent it, he and other parishioners at St. John the Evangelist in Wellesley held listening sessions after Sunday Masses. Soon hundreds were crowding into the church basement for regular Monday evening meetings, rallying around three goals: support of abuse victims, support for priests with integrity, and structural change in the church through involvement of the laity.

The group argues that the church would be run better and similar scandals would be less likely if the church made better use of parishioners.

In an April meeting at the

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Ted and Alberta Shannon were joined by family, friends and church members for a celebration marking Ted Shannon's 45th anniversary as pastor at the Drift Pentecostal Church.

## Drift church honors pastor

DRIFT — The Drift Pentecostal Church recently honored its pastor, Brother Ted Shannon, on his 45th anniversary of pastorship.

A ceremony marking the occasion took place April 27 and was followed by a dinner in the Shannon Fellowship Hall, named for Shannon on his 35th anniversary.

Many friends, neighbors,

church members and distinguished guests attended, along with Shannon's immediate family.

Ted and Alberta Shannon have been longtime members of the community and the church members say people in Drift feel very blessed to have such dedicated servants of God serving them.

The Shannons were sur-

rounded by their daughter, Kathy; her husband, Greg Stumbo; their three children, Belinda, Genna and Steven; Belinda's husband, Billy Stumbo; their four children, Bridget, Billie, Brandi and Blaze; Genna's fiancé, Robbie Hall; her daughter, Holly Goble; and Steven's fiancé, Lyla Akers.

Their daughter Peggy was

joined by her husband, Johnny Pack; their two daughters, Teddi and Jo; Teddi's husband, Greg Frasure; their daughter, Chelsea; Jo's husband, Mike Hall; and their son Hayden.

Church members said that Ted and Alberta Shannon have been wonderful role models to everyone who knows them, and that God has blessed the church to have them in their lives.

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## Highway

Dummies Vince and Larry are highlights that should entertain children as well as adults.

"We will definitely have something for everyone," Freddie Goble pointed out.

Goble, a member of the organizing committee, is director of transportation for Big Sandy Area Development District.

Several dozen participants and exhibitors are expected to offer everything from free tire tread and air pressure checks (Goodyear and Michelin) to a demonstration of a complete commercial vehicle inspection by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers.

Emergency services personnel from Louisa, Floyd County, Prestonsburg, and other local fire and rescue squads will demonstrate their equipment and rescue techniques during a "mock disaster" that will be staged several times during the day.

Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and Drive Smart personnel will offer tours of the state's "No Zone" truck, which educates motorists about how to share the road with large commercial vehicles, how to avoid the blind spots that the length of these vehicles create, and how to follow and pass such vehicles safely.

Child passenger safety seat education will be provided by Drive Smart representatives from Frankfort as well as Robby Thompson, District 12 Drive Smart coordinator.

Vendors will show the latest in truck safety equipment, including items such as special density lights that have higher visibility in fog and rainy conditions. A medical helicopter from MediVac in Huntington, W.Va., will also be available for inspection by those interested in seeing just what such a vehicle has on board.

"During the past year people have been quite vocal about the relationship between commercial and passenger vehicles on our roads in Eastern Kentucky, especially US 23," Slone said. "We wanted to offer the public something to help them better under-

stand how to equip their vehicles properly and safely, how to drive responsibly, and how to be a part of the solution when it comes to reducing accidents and injuries.

"No one starts out on the road to have an

accident. No one deliberately decides to be an unsafe driver. But sometimes we need to be reminded of the precautions we should take, and learn about new ways to increase the safety of our vehicles. We hope this event will accomplish these things for the people who attend."

Slone emphasized that the event is a "come-and-go-type thing," that people can stop by anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

"Parents are welcome to bring their children," Slone said. "Buckle Up Bear and our Crash Dummies, Vince & Larry, will be disappointed if they spend the entire day outside, especially if it's hot, and they have no youngsters to greet!"

Goble said that partners in presenting "U.S. 23: Sharing the Road" include the Big Sandy and

FIVCO area development districts; Beechfork Processing; Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Drive Smart Program, Highway District 12 and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement; the Kentucky State Police; the Federal Highway Administration; the Lawrence County Rescue Squad; Louisa Fire Department; Lawrence County Fiscal Court; Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad; and Cabell-Huntington Hospital Medivac Rescue Helicopter Service.



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EKU to host annual school health institute

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University will host the seventh annual Coordinated School Health Institute July 16-18.

The event is designed to help Kentucky educators develop a coordinated school health plan for their schools or districts. A coordinated school health program is an organized set of policies, procedures and activities designed to protect and promote the health and well being of students and staff.

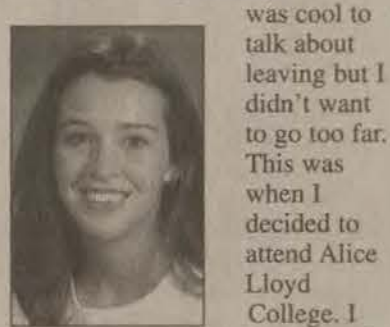
All participants will receive information and materials to support the implementation of an action plan. Schools or districts with two or more participants will have the opportunity to write a proposal for funding to address one or more of the five most significant health risks for Kentucky's youth as identified on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey: tobacco use, obesity, physical activity, mental health and HIV/AIDS.

"This is the seventh year of the Institute, and we have been able to provide professional development

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Following the Purpose Road

I think back to the beginning of my senior year of high school when independence was just around the corner. I kept telling myself that I wanted to go "away" to college. I even filled out several applications for out of state colleges. But when the end of the year came and this chapter of my life was over, suddenly "away" didn't look so good anymore.



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was cool to talk about leaving but I didn't want to go too far. This was when I decided to attend Alice Lloyd College. I knew that I wanted to continue my education and pursue a career so I packed up my dreams and headed to Pippa Passes. As I made my first walk up Purpose Road that runs through campus, I never knew that a place so small could offer so many opportunities!

Alice Lloyd College instills in its students work ethic through the Student Work Program. This program allows students to become familiar with certain job requirements and their responsibilities - we start building a resume the moment we get on campus. Alice Lloyd maintains a family atmosphere that allows students to feel safe at home. The student-teacher ratio enables students to interact daily with their

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INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON



Students and other members of the community enjoyed an International Luncheon organized by Hazard Community College Spanish teacher Scott May, shown above with Dr. Becky John, who assisted with the decorations.

FBI arrests three for extortion through Internet

BY LORI BURLING Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The FBI has arrested three men charged with extorting money via e-mail from people across the country who visited a child-pornography Web site.

Robert Walker, 31, of Oldham County; Harvey Holder, originally from Irvine; and Lamont Cordaro, 23, originally from Cleveland, Ohio; were arrested Tuesday at the Intown Suites in suburban Louisville, according to FBI spokesman for the FBI in Kentucky.

timony heard Thursday afternoon.

The men, also charged with conspiracy, are accused of hacking into their victims' computers and demanding money from the victims, said Brian Blanchard, the leading FBI agent in Kentucky for the case.

Twenty-one people from around the country — as far away as Sacramento, Calif. — reported the attempted extortion, Blanchard said. All the people acknowledged visiting a child pornography site on the Internet, said David Beyer, a

spokesman for the FBI in Kentucky.

After questioning Holder, Blanchard said the men would visit a chat room on the Internet "that would appeal to people with an interest in child pornography." The men would then establish a link for chat room users to click on to download pornography. Instead, the Internet users would receive an e-mail titled "Going to Jail," Blanchard said.

The letter said a group called

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CAMPUS CONNECTION

Change comes with growth

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

The spring season has changed into summer and soon the summer season will change into fall. The leaves will change from lustrous green into a beautiful array of autumn colors. The

time changes as we know it to fall backwards and spring forward. We are happy to gain an hour and dread to lose one.

These are all changes that we expect and have become

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MSU's Appalachian Celebration beginning in June

The mountain heritage, traditions and culture of the region will be highlighted during Morehead State University's annual Appalachian Celebration, Sunday through Saturday, June 23-29.

Children's activities, a book signing, noon and evening concerts, a photography exhibit, workshops and a variety of classes are on tap for the weeklong event, which will close with an Arts & Crafts Market and Antique Show. Throughout the week, a number of special performances will be offered without charge to music lovers.

For the 26th annual event, the theme will be "Art and Soul," according

to Georgia Sammons Grigsby, celebration coordinator. "We were looking for a way to pay tribute and keep the memory alive of those who played an important role in past years, but are no longer with us," she said.

In a contest earlier this year, Lee M. Busick, a Wilmore senior art major, was the winner of the logo design. In a charcoal drawing, he depicted an adult male in bibbed overalls, whittling, as a young boy watches. The design, which will appear on all printed materials that are part of the celebration's promotion, netted the artist a \$250 prize.

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KSU president asks court to bar board of regents from ousting him

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State University President George Reid is asking a judge to block the board of regents from removing him.

Reid filed a motion in Franklin Circuit Court on Thursday, asking that the KSU board of regents be prevented from overturning a November 2001

On Monday, Reid's lawyer Thomas Clay sent a letter to William Johnson, a KSU lawyer, saying Reid wanted to remain as president, but asked for \$3 million for Reid if the regents ousted him.

vote to extend his contract beyond June 30. The board is looking to replace him.

Reid said he took the action for "protection of my rights as a Kentuckian."

"The board has left me literally no alternatives," said Reid, who joined the 2,300-student historically black university as president in July 1998.

Judge Roger Crittenden will hear arguments on Monday.

Later next week, the regents plan to meet to discuss Reid's future at

KSU. An agenda issued for the meeting said the regents will meet in closed session to talk about Reid's contract, a severance package for him, an interim president, and a search for a successor.

Reid also sued the university and its regents on Thursday, alleging that he is being punished under the state's Whistle-blower Act and asking for

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Montgomery wins national award

A Morehead State University student, Pamela Kay Montgomery, Prestonsburg, was named an All-American Collegiate Scholar for the third time.

Montgomery was nominated for this national award by Mr. David G. Cox and she will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The All-American Collegiate Award Program was established by the USAA to offer recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and must be selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor in order to qualify

for the award. Montgomery will also be eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Montgomery is the daughter of Ray and Betty Montgomery, of Prestonsburg, and her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harmon and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dayrus Montgomery, all of Prestonsburg.

Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy, said, "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history." "Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Cook graduates EKU police program

Mark Anthony Cook, the son of Mark and Rhonda Cook, of Topmost, is a recent graduate of Eastern Kentucky University's Police Administration program. Mark, an Horizon Scholarship recipient, is a graduate of The June Buchanan School, Hindman. He plans to pursue a career with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources as a Wildlife Boating Law Enforcement Officer. He will

work this summer at Camp Robert C. Webb, Grayson, as he has for the past four summers. In 2000, Mark completed an internship with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as an internship with the Knott County Sheriff's Department in the spring of 2001. Mark is the grandson of the late Don and Dola Cook, of Topmost, and Don and Georgia Kidd, of Drift.

Mark Anthony Cook









# You go, Grill!

## Too tired to budge? Too hot to fuss?

If you're getting beat by the heat, it's time to get up. Get going. And get grilling.

Wouldn't you love to be outdoors, surrounded by friends, sipping wine and savoring the sensational smells of something good sizzling? With minimal effort, any time can be party time.

Rely on prepared sauces, marinades and glazes. Select high-quality, authentic products, such as the variety of teriyaki sauces from Kikkoman, in which multiple seasonings are combined in perfect balance for near foolproof results.

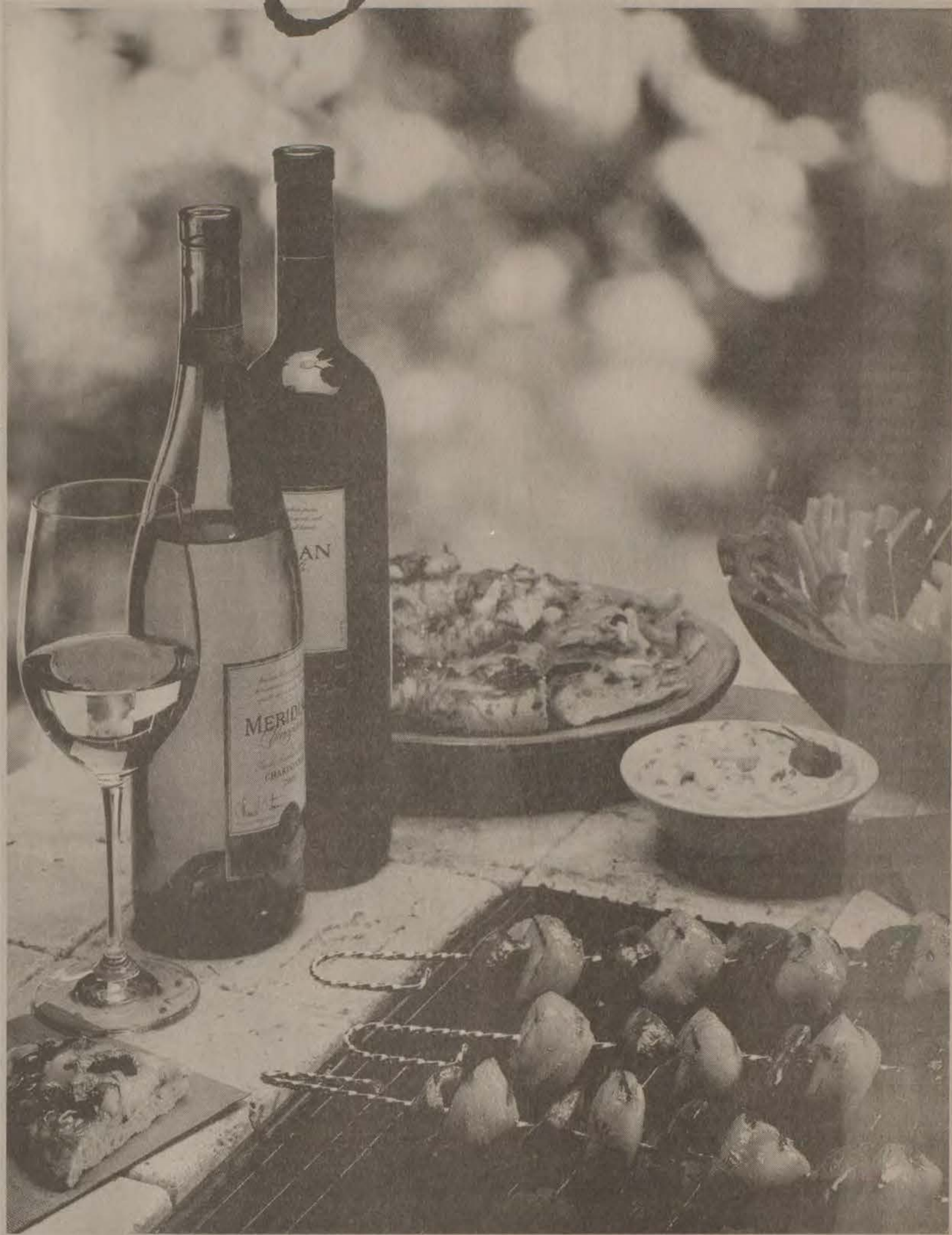
The secret to a fabulous barbecue is to marinate foods for thorough flavor penetration. Simply toss meat or seafood with bottled marinade in a plastic food storage bag. With Quick & Easy Marinade™, the food will be ready to grill in 20 minutes.

Create a wine station in the shade with wine glasses and bottles of red and white wine. Guests can serve themselves before they gravitate to the grill.

Which wine for what food? Drink what you enjoy advises winemaker Signe Zoller of Meridian Vineyards. Here are her favorites for the recipes below.

Meridian's Santa Barbara County Chardonnay offers delicious hints of pineapple and mango. Its full-bodied, fruity flavor complements Garden Pasta Salad, a combination of vegetables and shell macaroni tossed with a vinaigrette seasoned with naturally brewed lite soy sauce. The tropical flavors of the Chardonnay also bring out the richness of the creamy Roasted Garlic Teriyaki Dip. And the wine's citrus notes complement Sea Queen Scallop Skewers, scallops that have been marinated in Quick & Easy Marinade™ and threaded on skewers.

With the sweet-soy flavor of teriyaki, Grilled Arugula & Sun-Dried Tomato Pizza pairs well with the Meridian Shiraz. The wine's concentrated blueberry jam aroma and spicy black pepper flavor are the perfect counterpoint to the flavors of both the pizza and the Teriyaki Marinated Steaks.



Clockwise from top: Grilled Arugula & Sun-Dried Tomato Pizza, Roasted Garlic Teriyaki Dip and Sea Queen Scallop Skewers

## ROASTED GARLIC TERIYAKI DIP

- 1 tub (8 ounces) soft cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons bottled roasted garlic teriyaki marinade & sauce
- 3 tablespoons diced pimiento, well drained
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions and tops

Carrot, celery, zucchini or red bell pepper sticks

Combine cream cheese, roasted garlic teriyaki sauce, pimiento and green onions until well blended. Serve with vegetables.

Makes 1-1/4 cups dip.

## SEA QUEEN SCALLOP SKEWERS

- 24 large sea scallops, about 1-1/2 pounds
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1-1/2-inch squares
- 1/3 cup Quick & Easy Marinade™, any flavor
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 6 (10 or 12-inch) metal or bamboo\* skewers

Rinse scallops; pat dry with paper towels. Place scallops and bell pepper in large plastic food storage bag; pour in marinade. Press air out of bag; close top securely. Turn bag over several times to coat all pieces well. Marinate 20 minutes, turning bag over occasionally. Meanwhile, coat grill rack with cooking spray; place 4 to 6 inches from hot coals. Thread each skewer alternately with scallops and bell pepper, leaving space between pieces. Grill skewers about 3 minutes on each side, or just until scallops are opaque throughout, being careful not to overcook scallops.

\*Soak bamboo skewers in water 30 minutes to prevent burning.

Makes 6 servings.

## TERIYAKI MARINATED STEAKS

- 2/3 cup bottled teriyaki marinade & sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions and tops
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger root
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 3 pounds boneless tender beef steaks, 1 inch thick

Combine teriyaki sauce, green onions, sugar, ginger and oil; remove and reserve 2 tablespoons mixture. Pour remaining mixture over steaks in large plastic food storage bag. Press air out of bag; close top securely. Turn bag over several times to coat steaks well. Marinate 30 to 45 minutes, turning bag over occasionally. Grill steaks 5 minutes on each side (for medium-rare), or to desired doneness, brushing occasionally with reserved teriyaki sauce mixture. To serve, cut steaks across grain into thin slices and arrange on large serving platter. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings.

## GRILLED ARUGULA & SUN-DRIED TOMATO PIZZA

- 2 tablespoons bottled teriyaki baste & glaze or bottled teriyaki baste & glaze with honey & pineapple
- 2 (7-inch) Italian bread shells
- 1/3 cup marinated sliced sun-dried tomatoes, drained
- 2 tablespoons diced onion
- 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1-1/2 cups fresh arugula, chopped

Spread teriyaki baste & glaze evenly over each shell. Top with equal amounts of sun-dried tomatoes, onion and half of cheese. Sprinkle on arugula, then cover with remaining cheese. Place pizzas on grill with cover over medium-low coals. Grill, covered, 6 to 7 minutes, or until cheese melts and pizza is heated through. Cut each pizza into 8 slices.

Makes 6 to 8 appetizer servings.

## GARDEN PASTA SALAD

- 1/2 pound uncooked small shell macaroni
- 1/2 pound fresh green beans, cut diagonally into 1-inch lengths
- 1 pound tomatoes, diced
- 1 can (15 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons naturally brewed lite soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Cook macaroni according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain and rinse immediately under cold water to cool; drain well. Cook green beans in steamer basket over boiling water in covered saucepan about 10 minutes, or until tender. Cool beans under cold water; drain well. Combine macaroni, green beans, tomatoes, kidney beans and onion in large bowl. Measure basil, lite soy sauce, vinegar, oil, garlic, sugar and pepper into jar with screw-top lid. Cover and shake well; pour over macaroni mixture. Toss gently to coat all ingredients well. Cover and refrigerate 1 to 2 hours to blend flavors, tossing occasionally.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

## Wine Tips

■ White wines should be served chilled—at about 50°–55°F. An hour on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator is usually sufficient. Red wines are best enjoyed at cool room temperature—about 62°–68°F. Chill for about 15 minutes prior to serving.

■ One bottle of wine pours five 4-ounce glasses. Plan for two to three glasses per person for a party of three to four hours duration. For glassware, figure two glasses per person, as some guests will switch from white wine to red during the party.

■ The best rule about wine and food pairing is that there are no rules. Experiment with the wines that you like—paired with the foods you enjoy. When planning your party, include different varietals and wine styles to accommodate a range of tastes. To keep it interesting, look for contrast: a fruity Chardonnay and a spicy Shiraz, or a delicate Pinot Grigio and a rustic Pinot Noir, for example.

■ A wine tasting is a great way to kick off an evening with friends. Log onto [www.meridianvineyards.com](http://www.meridianvineyards.com) for how-to instructions.

For more teriyaki information and grilling recipes visit [www.kikkoman-usa.com](http://www.kikkoman-usa.com)

