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### In brief

## Magoffin utility nearly out of water

The Associated Press

**SALYERSVILLE** — State emergency management officials have declared a water supply emergency in the eastern Kentucky county of Magoffin.

Prolonged drought conditions have caused the Licking River — the area's primary water source — to run low.

Division of Water official Chris Yeary said the current water supply is limited to the amount stored in a pool at Salyersville.

Yeary said that won't be replenished until there is significant rain and little relief is forecast.

The state is working with Salyersville Municipal Water to establish alternative supply sources.

For now, officials said people in Magoffin County must conserve as much water as possible.

# County mulls merging 911 with city

**SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County officials are working to possibly bring a county-based 911 system back into operation.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said Friday that meetings between the county and Prestonsburg officials would be taking place in the "very, very near future."

"Nothing is definite at this time,"

Marshall said, "but there is certainly a distinct possibility."

Emergency 911 calls have in the past been patched through to the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, but that contract is coming up for renewal review.

Marshall said there is at least a twofold reason for reestablishing a 911 system that is within the county.

"I really believe we need to be taking care of our own 911 services,"

Marshall said. "We need to bring it back to Floyd County not only for economic purposes, but also to have workers who might be more familiar with our county."

These two ideas develop logically if examined closely. On the one hand, Marshall says having the system operating in Floyd County would provide more jobs, but another positive aspect is not at all financial.

"One of the challenges is that some-

times calls come into Post 9 about something that's happening, for instance, on Arkansas Creek, and the dispatcher might be from, say, Phelps or somewhere and not have a clue," said Marshall. "Many of them are not as familiar with the areas in Floyd County and this can make things harder than they need to be."

It's also partly a matter of the state

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## JENNY WILEY FESTIVAL



photo by Sheldon Compton

It was perfect festival weather Friday as area kids took full advantage of the many rides and attractions at the Jenny Wiley Pioneer festival in Prestonsburg.



# Wheelwright plans water improvements

**SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**WHEELWRIGHT** — By this coming spring, Wheelwright will be a large step closer to having improved water and sewer systems for its residents.

The key to that improvement will be \$1.46 million in grant money issued through the Big Sandy Area Development District.

Primary on the list of uses for the money will be

upgrades to the city's water plant, but there are other items on the table, as well.

"Some of that money will be divided for sewer projects," said Audrey Yates, business manager at Wheelwright's utilities department. "There were people who didn't have water and sewer through our utilities, but from wells and so forth."

The sewer projects that

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# Trail Riders report success after fall ride

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

The Big Sandy Trail Riders recently held its fall trail ride, and organizers say that it was a major success.

The ride brought in approximately 450 participants and 280 horses. The riders included Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh.

"Everyone had a good time," said Bonita Jarrell, secretary for the Big Sandy Trail Riders. "The weather was great and the lake was beautiful. We had good food, good music and great friends. This year's ride was bigger and better than our previous rides."

The main ride was 18 miles long, starting at German Bridge in Prestonsburg.

"I think it was awesome," said April Avery, with the Big Sandy Trail Riders. "It's a great thing that they are getting

German Bridge opened back up for activities like this. The trails over there are excellent. We had people from North Carolina and other states, and they all really enjoyed the experience. I recently created a MySpace page for Big Sandy Trail Riders, and a lot of people have shown interest in the rides."

Along with the ride itself, entertainment was provided in the form of live music, and costumes for both children and horses.

The ride was the fourth trail ride sponsored by the Big Sandy Trail Riders. According to Avery, the group plans rides for every spring and fall.

Trail riding is gaining popularity in Eastern Kentucky, and the turnout for the Big Sandy Trail Riders fall trail ride shows the interest that horse and trail enthusiast from the Big Sandy region have in the activity.



Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh, center, was among the 450 riders that recently attended the Big Sandy Trail Riders fall ride.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Mary S. Anderson, 51, of Pembroke, Florida, formerly of Frankfort and a Prestonsburg native, died Thursday, September 25. She is survived by her husband, Graham Anderson. Services were held Saturday, October 11, under the direction of Harrod Brothers Memorial Chapel, Frankfort.

■ Patricia Ann "Patty" Hunter Campbell, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, October 2, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Campbell Jr. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Randall Garrett, 56, of Martin, died Thursday, September 25, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, September 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jean Samons Halfhill, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, October 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 9, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Emmalene Hall, 80, of Lexington, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, October 5, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

■ Noah Hall, 59, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, October 10, at the Riverview Health Care. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Hall. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kermit Howell, 64, of Beaver, died Sunday, September 28, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Elder Manfred Freddie Kidd, 63, of Harold, died Saturday, October 4, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sue Hunter Kidd. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Pearl Mac Lewis, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, October 6, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, October 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Roy Robert Lyons, 77, of

Gilbertsville, a native of Lackey, died Sunday, October 5, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home.

■ Roland Moore, 75, of McDowell, died Wednesday, September 24, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Arvel (Mush) Nelson, 75, of Tutor Key, died Thursday, October 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Connie VanHoose Nelson. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Avery Newsome, 85, of Grethel, died Sunday, October 5, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Hannah Howell Newsome. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Pearl Pitts Ratliff, 95, of Hammond, Indiana, a native of Dock, died Friday, October 3, at Dyer Nursing and Rehab facility. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Bocken Funeral Home, Hammond, Indiana.

■ Evelyn Setser, 79, of Allen, died Friday, October 3, at St. Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Charles Ray Adams, 56, of Clay City, died Sunday, October 5, at home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Bryant Adams. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Rev. John Taylor Allen, 81, of Phelps, died Friday, October 3, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Mary Ruth Biliter Ball, 60, of Phelps died Wednesday, October 1, at the St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, W.Va. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Ball. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 4, under the direction of the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

■ Thomas Wayne Charles, 72, of Pikeville, died Thursday, October 2, at the Signature Healthcare Center in Pikeville. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, October 4, under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Etta Clevinger, 77, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, October 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 10, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Emogene Stanley Coleman, 61, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, October 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Learly Compton, 87, of Dalton, Ga., formerly of Kimper, died Sunday, October 5, at Hamilton Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Loretta "Sue" Elswick, 63, of Pikeville, died Saturday, October 4, at Harold, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Calvin Humphrey, 91, of Hardy, died Saturday, October 4, in the intensive care unit of the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Healthcare facility. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson.

■ Margaret Ann James, 71, of Lower Johns Creek, died Friday, October 3, at the Signature Nursing Home of Pikeville. She is survived by her husband, Nelson "Buddy" James Jr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 5, under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Beulah Mae Justice, 69, of Little Creek died Wednesday, October 8, at Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, October 13, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Maric Maggard, 83, of Robinson Creek Road, formerly of Three Mile, died Sunday, September 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 18, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Clifford Maynard, 64, of

Turkey Creek, died Sunday, October 5, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Diana Lynn Staton Maynard. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Mitch McKinney, 61, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 30, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Angela McKinney. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 5, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Gary Michael "Cannonball" Nunley Sr., 50, of Pinsonfork, died Wednesday, October 8, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Ellen Louise, Smith Ramey, 81, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, October 4, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, in the Thacker Funeral Home, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Michael Blake "Arbuckle" Spears, 49, of Regina, died Friday, October 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Thacker Spears. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Diana Kay Wassom, 57, of Bluff City, Tenn., a Pike County native, died Friday, October 3, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 5, under the direction of the Tetrick Funeral Home - Bluff City Chapel.

■ Eddie Dean Whitt, 57, of Feds Creek, died Friday, Oct. 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Coy Leo Wright, 82, of Island Creek, died Friday, October 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lena Wright. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Albert Junior Younce, 70, of Bowling Fork, died Saturday, October 4, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 8, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ James Dairl Gibson, 68, of Pinetop, died Saturday,

September 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Anna Gibson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Frankie Catherine Slone, 57, of Mallie, died Tuesday, September 30, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Susie Shepherd Slone, 72, of Stamping Ground, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, September 25, at home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Mae Auxier, 94, of East Point, died Friday, October 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Wanda Jean Woods Akers, 74, of LaGrange, a native of Paintsville, died Sunday, October 5, at Friendship Manor. She is survived by her husband, Alvin Akers. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, under the direction of Foreman Funeral Home.

■ Dennis Bayes, 67, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, September 30, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Suzanne Renee Cantrell, 28, of West Liberty, died Monday, October 6, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Doris Carmeans, 77, of Van Lear, died Saturday, October 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Bill Carmeans. Funeral services

were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Bert Grimm, 94, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, October 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Wayne Horn, 74, of Boons Camp, died Sunday, October 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sue Webb Horn. Memorial services were held Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Edward "Lemon" Lemaster, 85, of Paintsville, died Sunday, October 5, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Sublett Lemaster. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 7, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Jo Emmejean Pack, 87, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, October 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Carl Douglas Spears, 82, of Paintsville, died Friday, October 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Norene Vanover, 64, of Greenville, Texas, died Monday, October 6, in Greenville. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Vanover. Funeral services were held Friday, October 10, under the direction of Anderson-Clayton Brothers Funeral Home, Terrell, Texas. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park, at Staffordsville.

■ Lewis Junior Wright Jr., 66, of Paintsville, died Monday, October 6, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## Dry conditions may make wasps, hornets more aggressive this fall

The leaves are changing and the temperatures are comfortable, so you take the family for a fall picnic. And as soon as a soft-drink can is opened, unwelcome visitors start showing up.

Unwelcome, in the form of yellow jackets, wasps, hornets and other stinging insects foraging for their last meals of 2008.

"We have these insects every fall, but they seem to be especially troublesome when it is dry and food and moisture become scarce," says University of Kentucky entomologist Lee Townsend.

He says the insects are much more persistent in attacking fruits or coming to soft drinks and other attractive items.

"The European hornet has generated the most concern, because it is more aggressive in seeking sweets and moisture, especially apples and other fruits. They will chew into the fruit," Townsend says.

These wasps present a danger because their stings can be life-threatening to people who are allergic to their venom.

"If you're stung and you show a reaction by becoming dizzy, developing hives or having difficulty breathing, you should seek medical atten-

tion immediately," Townsend says.

Other reactions, like itching, pain and localized swelling, can be treated with antihistamines and ice packs.

The potential threat from wasps, hornets and yellow jackets typically ends after the first or second killing frosts. The cold weather kills worker wasps and hornets. The queens, meanwhile, will sur-

vive the winter in protected places, then build new colonies when spring comes.

Townsend says entomologists in UK's College of Agriculture have received calls from homeowners concerned about other insects looking for shelter from cooler temperatures.

"It's a good idea to check for cracks and crevasses in your home's exterior walls,"

Townsend says. "If you repair these and fill them in, you can save on fuel costs by reducing drafts. Plus, you can eliminate insect pests."



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- I've decided not to vote for either

## FCT ONLINE POLL



# JWT gears up for 'Frankenstein' performance

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Jenny Wiley Theatre has the perfect show on tap for the upcoming Halloween holiday, and it is based on a literary classic.

The performance of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" is

scheduled to begin at the Mountain Arts Center on Oct. 15. The play was written for the stage by Mickey Fischer, playwright of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," which proved to be a hit last year.

"This is a fantastic production that the whole family will love," said Martin Childers, executive director of Jenny

Wiley Theatre. "It's the perfect Halloween event, and if the kids want to wear their costumes to the show, that's great. We will do a costume parade across the stage at intermission."

According to Childers, ticket pre-sales show a strong interest in the tale of Dr. Victor Frankenstein and the monster

he creates, then rejects, causing it to seek revenge in an attempt to destroy the young doctor's life.

"Pre-sales are out of the roof," Childers said. "The monster will lumber across the state in six performances, and two of the dates are already sold out."

School matinees and public

evening performances are planned for the production, and educational packages will be available for participating schools two weeks prior to opening.

All performances of "Frankenstein" will take place at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

For more information on

"Frankenstein" and the Jenny Wiley Theatre call (606) 886-9274, or visit [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com).

## Escape

In the early morning hours of Oct. 5, a midnight headcount showed Greene present, Randolph said.

"An inmate count was conducted by prison staff at the Big Sandy camp at approximately 12 midnight," Randolph said. "At that time, staff accounted for every inmate incarcerated ... At least one staff member specifically remembered seeing inmate Desmond Greene lying in his bunk."

Just over an hour later, at 1:12 a.m., corrections officers said they heard someone beating on an exterior door to the camp's housing unit. When the door was opened, officers found Witherspoon crying and screaming, yelling for help, Randolph said.

"She explained her husband was in her car in the camp's parking lot and that he was unresponsive," said Randolph.

The husband was later found to be Greene, the affidavit stated, adding that several inmates, one of them a physician by training, responded. The medically trained inmate attempted CPR, but Greene was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was pronounced dead at 2:08 a.m.

Randolph said Witherspoon, who followed Greene to the hospital, then made statements to officers while at the facility.

"Witherspoon made numerous unsolicited statements in the presence of prison personnel and law enforcement," Randolph stated. "One prison staff member said Witherspoon indicated that she was aware that inmates were not permitted to visit outsiders anywhere but in the prison camp's visiting room."

But that wasn't the end of

the conversation that led to authorities initiating further investigation into Witherspoon's involvement.

"She also stated that she just wanted to hold her husband in an unrestricted way without supervision," Randolph's said, adding that she said she and Greene were "trying to work things out."

Hospital officials, while taking urine sample from Greene for toxicology reports, informed law enforcement that physical evidence had been found on Greene that would indicate the inmate had been involved in a sexual act prior to arriving at the hospital.

Randolph said he looked into the circumstances surrounding the events of Oct. 4 and 5 and found that a resident in an adjoining room at Haven of Rest reported people talking in Witherspoon's unit, which the front desk indicated was

rented as a single. Additionally, the neighboring guest said the loud sounds coming from the room were disturbing considering the early hour, which she said was just after midnight.

The unit Witherspoon rented at Haven of Rest was searched following a warrant. Kentucky State Police officer found female personal items and clothing, along with a cellular telephone charger, health supplements, a six-pack of beer, a user quantity of marijuana, rolling papers and various candy and food items.

"I know from my training and experience, and from speaking with numerous Federal Bureau of Prisons employees that inmates routinely attempt to obtain contraband items such as drugs, alcohol, cellular telephone equipment and health supplements from their visitors,"

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Randolph said of the evidence found at the rented room.

Other interviews conducted following the incident revealed that Witherspoon had placed two 911 calls at times prior to the time when she came distraught to prison officials.

The official charge of the complaint against Witherspoon, who was arrested on Oct. 7, two days following the series of events outlined in the complaint, was that she aided and assisted the escape of a federal inmate, and was sworn in testimony by Randolph before Unites States Magistrate Judge Edward B. Atkins.

## Water

are already being undertaken, according to Yates, involve general expansion of services. The city has also expanded the number of customers hooked to city water.

Brenda Powers, who is administering the grant through Big Sandy ADD for the city, said Friday there has been an engineer from

Frankfort already assigned to the project.

"One of the initiatives is to upgrade their water source," Powers said. "They're getting water from mines, one of the few places I know of where this is being done, but the engineers are working on designs to provide more options for citizens."

The grant money, which are bond funds through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, will be split in such a way that the largest majority will be utilized to expand water services, while the remaining amount will fund attempts to improve the city's water source.

According to Powers, \$1,170,000 of the grant will be

used to upgrade the water treatment plant and add services to Golf Hollow, an expansive residential section of the city that was once a golf course several decades ago.

The remaining \$290,000 will be earmarked for improving the city's water source. Powers said she has not discussed in any sort of exact detail with the engineer on the project, Ken Virons, and so cannot say at this time exactly how that goal will be approached.

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## 911

police being simply overloaded to a certain extent.

"They (Post 9) are already taking a high number of calls from Pike County and adjacent counties," he said. "They're loaded up to the point that sometimes it's hard for us to get through to them."

However, seeing the emergency system return to Floyd County operation will require a cooperative effort.

Calls placed to 911 would most likely need to go through

Prestonsburg's dispatch office, Marshall said. These city workers already have training to handle 911 calls, but would still require additional training if an agreement was reached for to partner with the county.

"Whoever we would hire further would have to undergo training," Marshall said, adding that he had already been talking with the county's volunteer fire departments and found positive reactions to the possibility. "But if we can work with the city on this in

combination, I think it can only improve on the existing system."

Marshall characterized his and other county officials' talks with city officials of late as "negotiations" concerning reestablishment of the system. But he's looking for a means of making it happen sooner than later.

"This is being given serious thought," he said. "I hope to see it go through as soon as we can situate with the city on the details for further plans."

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## Ride

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The Floyd County Extension Service helped to establish the trail riding group, citing the recreational opportunities it provides and the financial possibilities for bringing money into local communities.

For more information on the Big Sandy Trail Riders, contact Bonita Jarrell at (606) 285-9502. The MySpace page for the organization is [www.myspace.com/bstrcl](http://www.myspace.com/bstrcl).

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# expression

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— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

# Let's hear straight talk about nation's money woes

Elections are in part a referendum on the past, but their more important function is to help map a path toward the future. Increasingly, that future, at least in the short term, appears gloomy. But the major candidates for president have yet to adjust either their plans or their rhetoric to that reality.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama continues to tout proposals for new spending that total more than \$290 billion a year, according to the National Taxpayers Union. Republican John McCain's proposals would add more than \$92 billion a year in new expenditures.

All of this spending presumably would be added despite passage of a \$700 billion financial rescue package, an economy careening toward recession, an enormous budget deficit and a record national debt.

Heading into Tuesday's debate, the candidates also had not addressed in detail the impending shortfalls in Medicare and Social Security. The trustees for those two massive entitlement programs warned this spring that the Medicare trust fund will be depleted by 2019. The Social Security trust fund will vanish by 2041, and payments to retired Americans will exceed the program's income in 2017. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson — yes, the same official who led last week's rescue of the banking industry — warned back in March that the nation is facing a fiscal calamity unless substantive changes are made in how Social Security and Medicare operate.

Those warnings aren't new. Each year the trustees issue a projection of when the programs will run out of money. Each year the president and Congress nod their heads in understanding, and then return to business as usual.

Whether McCain or Obama, the new president must change that pattern. And not just with the entitlement programs but also in attacking budget deficits and the exploding national debt. It starts with a realistic conversation with voters about what must be done, including specific budget cuts and in some cases delays in promised programs.

After witnessing Wall Street's recent meltdown, Americans may finally be ready to hear a tough message about fiscal responsibility. Just as the nation's housing bubble finally burst, leading to the near collapse of the financial industry, so too one day will the federal government's debt bubble. Without substantive changes in how Congress and the White House spend money, the damage that eventually will be inflicted on the nation will make the current crisis seem minor.

The nation needs its leaders to talk realistically about fiscal challenges. Rosy campaign promises are of the past. This year, true change would mean political leaders willing to acknowledge the hard times that lie ahead.

— The Indianapolis Star



## — Chuck Norris

### The bailaholics

Tombstone, Ariz., has nothing on Washington, D.C. Friday's financial OK Corral took place when federal politicians had a standoff over the mother of all bailout bills. Bullets called balloons were fired from both congressional houses and the White House. And when the smoke cleared, the bad guys appeared: Bush, Paulson, Barney Frank, Pelosi, Dodd and most of the other members of the House and the Senate, including Obama and even McCain.

The truth is most members of Congress voted to pass the bill but don't have a clue what is in this 500-plus-page legislation, which was birthed in the White House just two weeks ago as an infant of only three pages. Then it was voted down at the Capitol a week later in its adolescent-sized 100 pages. And of course, in good bureaucratic fashion, it met the criteria to be mature when it was more than five times that size and packed with governmental goodies. And the president signed it just an hour after receiving it from Capitol Hill Friday. I guess that speed-reading course paid off.

In the fine print, inserted between the lines of that 500-plus-page bill, are loads of fiscal additives and more financial toxic relief. H.R. 1424 — the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which now has been signed into law — officially includes more than \$112 billion in political hors d'oeuvres and pork-bar-

rel teasers and sweeteners that have absolutely no direct relation to the Wall Street bailout but were included to bribe congressional naysayers and others to get on the greed train:

- \$6 million in tax breaks for wooden-arrow manufacturers in Oregon.

- \$148 million in tax breaks for wool-producing companies.

- \$128 million in tax breaks for the manufacturers of car-racing tracks.

- \$10 million in tax breaks for small television and film producers.

- \$223 million in tax breaks for Alaskan fishermen.

- \$33 million in tax breaks for corporations operating in American Samoa.

- \$192 million in tax breaks for rum producers in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

What the &\$=?! And that's just a drop in the bailout bucket. And we the taxpayers are just supposed to sit back and take it in the arrears?

Shockingly — or maybe not so — both Democratic and Republican nominees for president, self-professed agents of reform, followed the cattle call to back the bailout. Sen. Obama, who claims to be the messiah of change, sure is showing his true colors in two huge decisions: his appointment of politics-as-usual Joe Biden and his vote to pass this economic bailout bill and drive us deeper

into debt. And quite frankly, Sen. McCain also is disappointing me at this point. At the Republican convention, John talked about bringing the power back to the people. So he chose Sarah Palin and finally gained my respect and vote by picking this Washington outsider. But when he had the perfect opportunity to side with the majority of Americans, who didn't want to incur a trillion dollars more in debt, he voted for not only the billing bailout but also the earmarks and pork-barrel projects packed inside.

John, you gained my vote with your conservative choice in Gov. Palin; don't lose my

vote (and others' votes) by your return to politics as usual. For many of us, you have one last chance in the debates. You must choose radical reformation. This is a time for maverick Sarah to stand up to maverick McCain and say, "Enough is enough!" Speak up, Gov. Palin. Please speak up!

All is not lost yet. We still have a voice in this bailout; it's at the ballot box in November's elections. The remedy for our country is clear. Congress doesn't need another bailout but a roundhouse kick right out the door. I plead with you to join me and millions of others in a voter revolution to oust political and con-

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Chuck Norris

## — beyond the beltway

### Credibility selling short in D.C.

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

After almost eight years of virtually unrelieved lies — about the war, torture, Katrina, global warming, taxes — George Bush finally told the truth. And nobody believed him.

He said we were in a deep financial crisis and unless Congress acted quickly crisis would become catastrophe. Whereupon his Republican brethren in the House of Representatives mooned him (figuratively speaking), preferring to place their faith in free market ideology rather than their leader.

If only they'd been so wise when he told tales about Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The first attempt at passing a financial rescue plan (or, in English, Wall Street Bailout) died amid an avalanche of constituent mail running 200-1 against the plan.

The stock markets immediately tanked and, more ominously, credit began to dry up. Stocks went up some the next day but credit continued to tighten.

Senators, two-thirds of whom do not face re-election this fall, then went to work on a new version of the bailout bill, this one festooned with tax cuts and subsidies dear to Republican hearts in an effort to win House approval.

At this writing negotiations continue. Where it all ends knows God, if any.

I don't really blame legislators who voted against the original bailout plan. When your mail is running 200-1, it takes political bravery

bordering on suicidal to vote against the tide just because it's the right thing to do.

But really, the Bush administration has no one but itself to blame for the fiasco. Its first proposal — to give Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson unfettered authority to spread \$700 billion around Wall Street — was a non-starter from the get-go but it set the image of the plan in the public mind; that of an indiscriminate bailout of Wall Street robber barons.

Subsequent versions, improved though they were, never had a chance for a fair hearing.

Then there were the efforts of the administration to sell their product. I served 35 years in Washington watching government work and not work but I've never seen anything so dimly inept as the President trying to convince us that we had nothing to fear but credit-default swaps and mortgage-backed derivatives themselves.

His address to the nation sounded like nothing so much as a glum economics 101 lecture delivered by an underprepared graduate assistant.

When that didn't bring the nation to his side, he sent out Paulson to reassure the public. That was when Wall Street traders started pulling hamstrings, trying to get out of the market.

Not surprising. Have you seen Paulson in action? You might send him out on Halloween to scare people, perhaps, but he should never be sent to calm their fears. He has no talent for it.

Not that the Democrats in

Congress were any prize. Imagine having Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid as the faces of your party. Chainsaw Betty and Squire Squint.

What was needed was someone with a sense of authority about him or her to explain what was happening and why in terms that the lady at the trailer park (whom they keep interviewing at times like these) can understand. I don't know, someone like a president.

Barack Obama and John McCain (the latter after a bizarre McCain to the Rescue mission to Washington that bordered on farce) have reluctantly tried to do that but their hearts aren't in it, nor should they be.

This mess is George Bush's baby and it's unrealistic to expect a presidential candidate from either party to step in and assume the burden of Bush's well-deserved unpopularity.

In the meantime, the presidential and vice-presidential debates go on. It was "Cool Hand Luke" against "Grumpy Old Men" and Luke won.

I give McCain extra credit, however for working "when I was in Waziristan" into the conversation.

I didn't even know there was a Waziristan.

I was kind of disappointed they let Gwen Ifill, who's got a book on Obama coming out, moderate Sarah's debate. That had the appearance of bias. They should have gotten Tina Fey.

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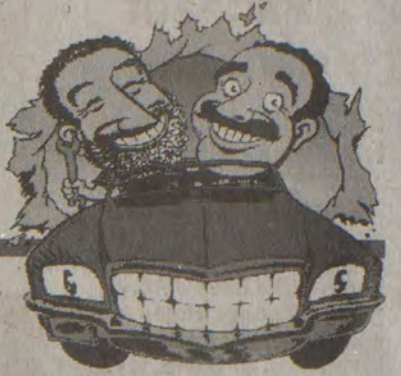
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## This Town, That World

**Editor's Note:** For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

This is written a few hours before the start of the World Series, and we predict that the Yanks will take it all. Now, if that doesn't pull the Dodgers through, they're hopeless.

### THE FINE DISTINCTION

There is a fine shading of words that most of us, including yours truly, often miss. For example, this matter of celebrating a birthday. I have always insisted that when folks get my age, they don't celebrate. They merely observe—if they can remember where they left their glasses.

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We're all for economizing, balancing the budget, scotching inflation in its tracks, and so on—as long as the bell-tightening doesn't hit us. Witness the stand taken by most of the Kentucky delegation in Congress, after President Carter had vetoed the \$10 billion public works bill. Now if some miracle worker can find a way to cut the spending without affecting anybody, anywhere in the United States he can write his own ticket.

### FISHING REPORT

Hold on right. I have a fishing report. May be a while getting to it, but it's somewhere ahead.

Seven of us went fishing to style last week-end. We rented a houseboat and took off on Lake Cumberland. There was only one fishing boat available for the parcel of us, but with such a base from which to operate, nobody cared a lot.

The wind was whipping up whitecaps over the lake, while the thermometer was doing a sharp nosedive (recall a prediction made in this column last week?), but the houseboat ponderously eased, along over those waves in a smooth glide, all was snug inside, and nobody fought for the right to go out in the smaller craft, which we towed behind.

This was a new experience to most of us, hard-core fishermen, accustomed to bouncing around in all weathers, eating out of a tin can and fishing as long as there was light, come what may. We were not, so to speak, in the lap of luxury, but were mighty near it.

Luxury that is found anchor in a farway spot; no telephone to jangle; no television or newspaper to keep you aware of the world, and a lot of its tragedies. Out there was blue water; above, a blue sky; along nearby shorelines towering rock cliffs, evergreens dotted with the autumn colors of maples and sourwood. Inside, shelter from the wind, warmth, fall tales, the camaraderie of a few ordinarily petty souls set free. Luxury...

Coffee, bacon-and-eggs, fried potatoes, pork-'n'-beans, bologna.



Betsy Layne Dairy, originally known as Clark's Dairy Bar, opened in 1957.

# STILL GOING STRONG

Betsy Layne Dairy Bar a favorite for over 50 years

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

**BETSY LAYNE** — The Betsy Layne Dairy Bar has been bringing in droves of customers for over 50 years, and with the bargain prices and great food, it shows no signs of slowing down.

Roger Green, owner of the Betsy Layne Dairy Bar for the past 15 years, believes the combination of great service and food has allowed the eatery to thrive in a time when small businesses struggle to survive.

"We have good food at a great price," Green said. "Also, I think our hot dogs bring a lot of people back."

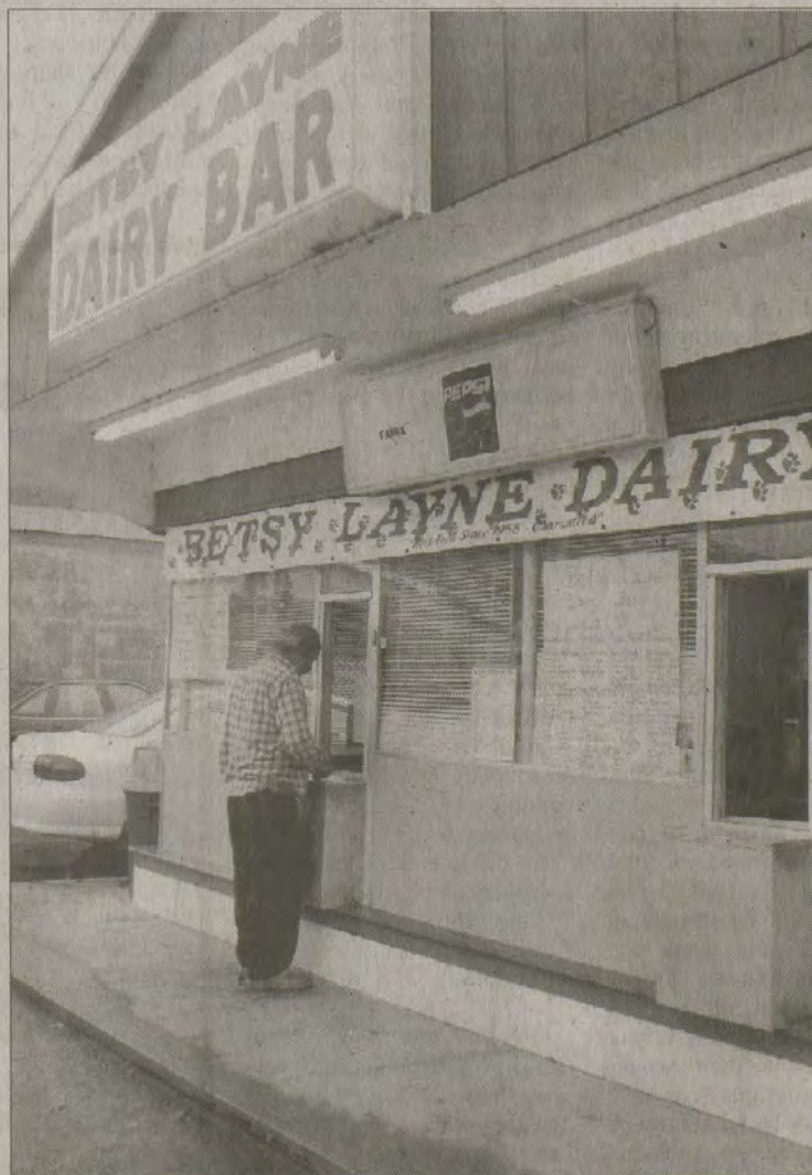
The Betsy Layne Dairy Bar, originally known as Clark's Dairy Bar, opened in 1957.

"It started with great service and food, and we are continuing that tradition," Green said. "We couldn't exist without it. That's how a place like this stays around for so long. People appreciate the service and the care in providing food they enjoy."

Along with Dorsie's Dairy Bar in Pikeville, the Betsy Layne Dairy Bar is part of a dying breed of community restaurants that serve their area without being taken in under the umbrella of a large corporation, but both of the dairy bars continue to be successful thanks to a loyal customer base.

According to Green, the dairy bar sees around 250 customers per

(See DAIRY BAR, page six)



Betsy Layne Dairy Bar continues to serve great food at good prices to an estimated 250 customers per day.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Galaxy Invader'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A benign alien survives a crash landing in rural Maryland, only to find itself hunted by a drunken mob in this creature feature from the late Don Dohler.

I've covered Dohler before and he's a real treat. This guy loved monster movies and managed to craft enjoyable creature features despite budgetary limitations. He may not have garnered the reputation of notable Baltimore talents like John Waters and Barry Levinson, but he always delivered on the brain candy.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

This one starts out like "The Blob," as a young guy named David, tooling along a country road at dusk without his headlights on, spots an object come crashing to earth. Rather than investigate or call the police, he opts to contact a professor he hasn't seen in years and invite him over to explore the scene. Said Professor is all too happy to come, but he lives five hours away.

Meanwhile, we are introduced to the Montague family. This bunch is so dysfunctional they don't even require a Capulet clan for strife. They have their hands full with a drunken dad who rules the roost with a gun in one hand and a bottle of ripple in the other. A typical family breakfast ends in tears as daughter Carol gets chased out of the house by dad, who's toting a shotgun, after she summons the gall to imply that he's a drunken bum.

Dad loses interest in the chase when he observes an alien creature that has emerged from the forest. He immediately shoots at the being, which then panics and drops a glowing ball before darting away.

Papa Montague decides he needs help if he's going to capture the alien and sell it to a carnival (he may not be bright but he's at least ambitious) so he contacts the local hood, Frank Custer. The thug decides they'll need more men so he heads out to the local watering hole (around noon) and finds it filled with gun toting dudes who have time on their hands. They accept his vague offer to hunt a mystery critter after dark (I guess they couldn't get away before happy hour) and show up totally plowed.

Meanwhile, the alien is befriended by David and the professor. Turns out the E.T. will need all the help he can get but the professor turns out to have a major weakness — he can't outrun bullets fired by drunks.

Before you know it the alien is in deep trouble, even though it manages to wipe out most of the posse with some fancy shooting it must have picked up at the "Laser Academy." If all comes down to a duel between the Montagues as they finally decide to unseat their tyrant father. Unfortunately they pretty much put off this action until everyone else is dead.

This one is a lot of fun and you have to give props to the late Mr.

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# The patient and her encourager

by SCOT THURMAN  
SUBMITTED BY KELLEY SMITH  
"CHICKEN SOUP AND THE GOLDEN SOUL"

At the age of 21, Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer. Of course, the news devastated this young, vibrant college student. To make matters worse, she had no money to cover the medical expenses. Her father had recently lost his job, and her disabled mother hadn't worked in

nearly 15 years.

With an empty bank account and a heart full of faith, Susan began six weeks of chemotherapy treatments. I accompanied her to her chemo appointment one day, and I was amazed at the strength radiating from her face before and after the grueling treatments. Despite her desperate circumstances, Susan's faith sustained her.

Before long, Susan became very ill, and the

intense pain was growing unbearable. Though she received unrelenting prayer and support from her family, friends and professors, the pain persisted. Soon she had lost all her hair. "If nothing else," she would tease, "I'll save money on hair care!" Despite her positive outlook and unyielding faith, her financial situation remained grim. She already owed more than \$10,000 in medical expenses, and she had no

income or savings.

One cold February day while Susan was in the hospital, a visitor came to see her. The elderly gentleman with a sweet countenance asked, "Are you Susan?"

"Yes," she replied.  
"My name is Mark White, and I live here in town. My wife was in the bed next to you on your first visit to the hospital, but you weren't here long, and while you were here, you were very sick. My

wife and I prayed for you each night before going to bed, and we often wondered how you were." The man continued, "My wife died about two days after you left, and I'm here today to pick up some of her things."

Susan nodded, not sure how to respond.

The man proceeded: "The nurse informed me you were back in the hospital. My wife

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## Pageant Winner

Haley Alexis Ratliff was crowned the 2008 Little Miss Jenny Wiley on Sunday, October 5, 2008, at the Mountain Arts Center. Haley also won the "Prettiest Hair" in the Little Miss Jenny Wiley category. Haley is the daughter of Shawna Hackworth of David, KY, and the granddaughter of David and Marsha Hackworth also of David, KY. Haley is a first-grade student at Prestonsburg Elementary.



## Allen

We lived "high on the hog," two days and nights. Old appetites grew young on plain fare. Nobody grew soft in this "luxury," but who could want better?

Our only contact with "civilization" was by a battery-powered radio, which faded out at every critical point in

the ball games being reported. And after UK and Kansas City and Philadelphia had all lost, most of us wouldn't have mourned if the radio had fallen into the lake.

Fishing? Were the bass striking? You bet. Had a picket line set up, and only bluegill and disloyal "yellow

dog" bass would cross it.

### THE MYSTERY SOLVED

Now I know why Watt Hale hasn't reported to me this summer. As a picture elsewhere in this edition shows, he has been busy growing gourds.

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## Dairy Bar

day, with many of them purchasing the famed hot dogs.

"One most days around dinner time, you can't even park in the parking lot because it is so full," Green said. "We're also probably one of the only places where you can still get a Pepsi for 50 cents."

Sally Shepherd, of Harold, came to the dairy bar on Wednesday to pick up an order of four footlong hot dogs for herself and her family.

"This is real food, and it's not fast food, but

you still get it fast," Shepherd said. "When you get out of your car, you can smell the food cooking. I imagine it smelled the same way 50 years ago. I've been coming here for the hot dogs for over 20 years, and I'll keep coming as long as it is open, which I hope is at least 50 more years. It's just a great place to get food, and it has ties to the community."

The Betsy Layne Dairy Bar is open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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## Soup

overheard you talking on the phone with your mom one night about your financial situation. My wife and I wanted to help you and knew of no better way than to give you this money. We don't know you well, but we want to help. You were always a joy for my wife to talk to and a great encouragement to her. Please take this check and use it for your hospital bills."

As the gentleman walked away, he turned back and said: "I know you're going to make

it, kid. Just keep believing."

As Susan opened the envelope, she thought, How nice that this elderly couple gave me \$20 or \$50. But what she found inside the envelope was not a \$20 bill or a \$50 bill; it was a check for \$10,000! Weeping, she read the attached note: "Someone needs your encouragement today. Thanks for encouraging me for the few short days I knew you. Love, Marie White."

Susan did just as Mr. White

had said — she kept believing. Susan's cancer was gone in a few months and has never returned. In her own special way, Susan reminded me to encourage someone every day; her story has remained with me, and its message becomes more valuable with time. When I asked Susan how to end her story, she said God had given her what she believed to be the greatest gift of all — life.

And, oh yes, I think the money helped, too!

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## Norris

gressional corruption and stalemate. If the members of Congress from your states or districts voted to pass this bailout bill and gamble nearly \$1 trillion of our children's and grandchildren's money — in addition to showing the reckless fiscal behavior of stuffing such a bill with perks and pork — you must not re-elect them. If your representatives voted for this economically rotten (not rescue) bill, vote them out in November by voting for new blood that has a track record of fiscal prudence and consistently will vote for constitutional limitations of government,

reductions of big government (deficits, budgets, spending and taxes), reformation of the tax code (by providing a "fair tax" or its equivalent) and a constitutional amendment for a mandated balanced federal budget.

Despite the heartbreaking passage of this bill, thank God 161 representatives and 25 senators opposed it and weren't enticed by the pseudo-urgent Wall Street panic, their own reelection pressures, or the Senate's pork-barrel schmoozing. For example, I commend Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who voted "no" for the emer-

gency economic bill despite the fact that the tax break for Alaskan fishermen was inserted to sway him to bite at the bailout. Rep. Young is correct in a letter to his constituents: "This bill is nothing more than a slippery slope to socialism."

One thing is apparent: Alaska can produce some great Americans.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Lagoon

Dohler for getting it made in the first place. He knows what audiences want and delivers a decent alien suit.

The actors are mostly amateurs but they don't flub their lines and seem to be having a good time. Most of them sport

the same last name as the director so it's pretty clear this is a family affair.

Despite the fact that this has an incredibly lame last shot (which involves tossing an obvious dummy off of a mountain), there are some good bits

here and Dohler keeps the action at a lean 70-odd minutes.

Best line: "We found this green man in the woods. Pa shot at him and he dropped this white thing."

1985, unrated.

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## 'Music of Coal' comes to UK

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, the Appalachian Studies Program, and the John Jacob Niles Center for American Music will present "Music of Coal" at noon Monday, Oct. 13, in the Niles Gallery, located in the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center. This concert of mining songs from the southern Appalachian coalfields is free and open to the public.

The idea for a collection of mining songs from the Southern Appalachian coalfields came from Paul Kuczko, director of the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth (LPOY). An agency of Virginia's Wise County government, LPOY takes on projects with a local

or regional focus, utilizing indigenous talent and resources whenever possible. While working on a third photography book featuring historical images of bituminous coal camps around southwest Virginia, Kuczko got the idea to include a CD of coal mining music along with the text and pictures. The CD, "Music of Coal," was inspired by and in honor of Wise County's sesquicentennial celebration in 2006. To hear music from "Music of Coal," visit online at [www.musicofcoal.com/music.htm](http://www.musicofcoal.com/music.htm).

Ron Short, a member of the Music of Coal band, will share with the local audience music from the CD project featuring him and other Music of Coal band members Chris and Rick

Saenz and Molly Slemp, as well as music from several other noted Appalachian and bluegrass musicians. A native of Dickenson County, Va., the talented artist has worked at the Roadside Theater for 26 years as a playwright, musician, composer, actor and director. Short has scripted and written music for 15 musical plays and helped write scripts for three others, all currently part of Roadside Theater's touring repertoire. Short performs in all of the company's touring productions.

For more information on "Music of Coal" or other concerts scheduled for the Niles Center, contact Ron Pen by phone at (859) 257-8183 or by e-mail [Ron.Pen@uky.edu](mailto:Ron.Pen@uky.edu).

## Veggie vampire, magic bone for kids this Halloween

by LEANNE ITALIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A vegetarian vampire with a sweet tooth and a large-mouthed creature with a big appetite and his own eating stool are among the playful and ghoulish standouts in the stacks for kids this Halloween.

For more tender trick-or-treaters, there's plenty of books without a fear factor, including a tale of a dear old cat still learning how to live in her third century.

As Halloween has grown long spidery legs over the years, becoming the premiere Fall holiday, parents are faced with piles of creepy-crawly reading options for their kids. Here are a few worthy of a look:

■ "Can You See What I See? On a Scary Scary Night" (Scholastic, \$13.99, ages 4-8) by Walter Wick.

The award-winning illusion photographer marks the 10th anniversary of his "Walter Wick's Optical Tricks" with a special edition of the mind-bending classic and this new puzzle release out for Halloween. The zoom-in, 12-scene Halloween narrative invites the sharpest eyes to search a cloud-shrouded moonscape for a wizard and a craggy castle for a lizard's tongue. Inspired by the folktale

"In a Dark, Dark Wood."

■ "Bone Soup" (Houghton Mifflin, \$16, ages 4-8) written and illustrated by Cambria Evans.

Playfully paranoid town-folk hide their most precious pantry staples when a voracious part-skeleton named Finnigin hits town on Hallows Night. With his eating stool, spoon and very large mouth, Finnigin kicks off a retelling of the stone soup folktale with a magic bone and some imported stewed eyeballs. Drawn with a colorful, contemporary edge.

■ "Cat Nights" (HarperCollins, \$16.99, ages 3-6) written and illustrated by Jane Manning.

Ever wonder why cats have nine lives? Manning bases her witch Felicity on an Irish legend that lends insight. We catch up with Felicity on her 263rd birthday, the year she gets to fulfill her life's ambition: find out what it's like to be a cat, with four-paw drive and a long, beautiful tail. But that means a dustup with three loving cousins.

■ "Vunce Upon a Time" (Chronicle Books, \$16.99, ages 5-9) by J.otto Seibold and Siobhan Vivian, illustrated by J.otto Seibold.

Dagmar the boy vampire doesn't get out of the castle much. He's shy, and he's a vegetarian so he doesn't need to

forage beyond his moonlit garden. But he's also a candy-holic. So when a little skeleton turns him on to a thing called Halloween that has humans handing out piles of the stuff, he overcomes his fear of the living and learns a thing or two about kindness.

■ "Queen of Halloween" (HarperCollins, \$16.99, ages 4-8) written and illustrated by Mary Engelbreit.

Inspired by illustrations in her mother's vintage storybooks, Mary Engelbreit adds to her popular series featuring her young alter-ego, the blond and bespectacled Ann Estelle. Dressed for Halloween as a Fairy Queen, Ann sets out with a pirate pal to trick-or-treat. Are they brave enough to take on a house with creaky porch steps and a barking dog?

■ "Halloween Night" (HarperCollins, \$16.99, ages 5-9) by Marjorie Dennis Murray and illustrated by Brandon Dorman.

Dorman's hold, flowing drawings of little green creepies and a sharp-nosed witch preparing for a party are meticulously detailed in this Halloween version of the "Night Before Christmas." Ooey gooey goodie bags are stuffed, a bevy of banshees serve up moldy green tea and goofy, toothy giants prepare a buffet of bugs.

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## Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame induction scheduled

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — The Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA has announced that Bettie Lou Evans of Lexington and the late Ray Ottman of Louisville have been elected to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame, and will be inducted at ceremonies at Lexington Country Club on Thursday, Nov. 13. A reception will get underway at 6 p.m., with dinner and the ceremony to follow at 7 p.m. Also honored at the ceremony will be the 2008 Kentucky Golf Association and Kentucky Senior Golf Association Players of the Year,

the 2008 KGA-PGA, Inc. Junior (Boys and Girls) Players of the Year, and the Kentucky Golf Association's J.W. Janes Award.

Evans, who hails from Lexington, was the women's golf coach at the University of Kentucky from 1980 to 2001. She currently serves as Director of Golf Operations for the University of Kentucky. During her time as coach at the University of Kentucky, she led her teams to post season play 14 times, with a 5th place finish in 1986 and 10th place finishes in 1988 and 1991.

Ottman was a longtime golf professional in the Louisville area. He was an accomplished

player, winning three Kentucky Open Championships (1929, 1932, and 1937).

The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame was established in 1984 as a joint effort by the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA to honor individuals in Kentucky with significant achievements and accomplishments in various areas of golf. The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame's membership includes individuals with outstanding records as players, golf professionals, golf course superintendents, educators, and golf administrators. It is located at Golf House Kentucky.



photo by Erik Young

Beaver Junction Motocross, located at Dwale, recently concluded its season. The Floyd County motocross will host an awards banquet Saturday, Oct. 25 at Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

## Kinzer claims pair of Top 10 finishes

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**ALLEN** — The Kinzer Motorsports team ventured south to Talladega Short Track in Eastaboga, Alabama last weekend, racing in a pair of Dirt Late Model events Oct. 3-4. On Friday night, an unsanctioned race was held at the Alabama track with a \$2,000 top prize up for grabs. Brandon Kinzer wound up a in strong sixth-place finish in the final round of the A-Main behind winner Ronnie Johnson, Tim Busha, Terry Smith, Danny Peoples and Todd Morrow.

The O'Reilly Southern Allstars Series (OSAS) rolled into TST on Saturday, Oct. 4 as part of a \$5,000-to-win feature race. Kinzer timed in second fastest in OSAS qualifying. The qualifying effort earned him the outside front row starting spot for the 50-lap main event. After running towards the front through most of the feature, Kinzer eventually settled for an eighth place performance.

## Logan Crowder on pace to reach 1,000 yards

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

**EASTERN** — Allen Central is one of the area's best high school football teams when it comes to rushing. In six games, Allen Central has rushed for 2,148 yards. Leading the rushing attack for the Rebels is junior Logan Crowder. When the Rebels take the field next week on the road versus Jackson County, Crowder could go over 1,000 yards rushing for the season. He has rushed for 804 yards and seven touchdowns on 88 carries. His twin brother — Hunter Crowder — has rushed for 660 yards and eight touchdowns via 85 carries.

The Rebels, following a key district win over Floyd County rival Betsy Layne, enjoyed an open date on their schedule this past week.

Allen Central has three players who have rushed for 450 or more yards in six games. Justin Jackson has picked up 489 yards and scored five touchdowns in Allen Central's six games. Other Rebels who have rushed for positive yardage, include Mickey Parsons, Chris Stumbo, Travis Adkins, Josh Prater and Micah Harlow.

Prater and Chris Stumbo have combined to pass for 464 yards. Prater has completed 28-of-32 passes for 397 yards and five touchdowns.

The Jeremy Hall-coached Allen Central football team is enjoying a resurgence. Allen Central has outscored its six opponents 246-147.

This Friday night, Allen Central will travel to McKee for a non-district game versus the Generals. Jackson County is still a young high school football program.

Kickoff for the Allen Central-Jackson County game is set for 7:30 p.m.



file photos

At press time, Allen Central was in Louisville competing in the All "A" Classic State Tournament. More on Allen Central's appearance in the small school state tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

## Hodge, Maynard claim KVCA honors

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

**EASTERN** — Two members of the Allen Central High School volleyball program have claimed Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) honors. KVCA President Mitzy Donhoff recently notified the ACHS volleyball program that Brittany Hodge had been named the 2008 KVCA 15th Region Player of the Year. In addition, Donhoff relayed that Coach Larry Maynard had been named the 2008 KVCA 15th Region Coach of the Year.

Hodge leads the Rebels in kills with 165 on a .418 hitting

clip. She also leads the team with 76 service aces. Hodge has also recorded 142 digs and seven assists.

Maynard has guided Allen Central to a 22-3 record this season. The 22-win season has included the Rebels captured the 15th Region All 'A' championship. Allen Central left Friday for Louisville for the All 'A' State Tournament.

Hodge and Maynard will receive their awards during the KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament prior to the start of the championship match. The state tournament semifinals, finals and awards presentation will be broadcast on Insight Cable.

### AC VOLLEYBALL BY THE NUMBERS

- 3 — Losses
- 22 — Wins
- 142 — Hodge Kills



## Hoops teams set for hardwood return

### Changes: Three out of four 58th District teams have new coaches

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

This week will mark the return to the court for Floyd County high school boys' and girls' basketball teams as they start practice on an official note. Three of the four 58th District boys' basketball programs have new head coaches. The same is evident on the girls' side, too. It should be a very interesting high school basketball season to say the least.

Here's a closer look at the 58th District boys' basketball picture.

**ALLEN CENTRAL (21-9):** Four seniors from last season's Runnin' Rebel team — including Floyd County Conference Player of the Year Alex Hammonds and Transylvania University signee Aaron Crum — graduated.

The frontcourt will be Allen Central's strength. Juniors Logan and Hunter Crowder are expected to lead the Rebels. The Crowder twins excelled last season.

Juniors Justin Jackson, Chris Stumbo are Christian Francis are among the top players in the AC backcourt. Mark Martin is the new Allen Central boys' basketball coach. Martin is one of the school's top all-time players. He replaced legendary Rebel head coach Johnny Martin.

**PRESTONSBURG (9-19):** Former head coach Jack

Pack is back at the helm of the Prestonsburg boys' basketball program. Prestonsburg junior guard Michael Burchett (6-2) ranks as one of the region's best players. Seniors Austin Gearheart and Jody Tackett also return for the Blackcats. Pack, a familiar face to area high school boys' basketball fans, took over for Jackie Day Crisp.

**BETSY LAYNE (8-18):** After only one season, Floyd County native Brian Hall left the Betsy Layne boys' basketball program, taking the position as Powell County head coach. Former Bobcat head coach Junior Newsome is back to guide the Bobcats. Senior Josh Head (6-5) started every game as a junior and is Betsy Layne's top returning player. Adam Slone and Bryant Tibbs are also back for the Bobcats. Nathan Martin and Dylan Maldonado lead a stacked

sophomore class.

**SOUTH FLOYD (2-26):** Former boys' basketball power South Floyd is on its way back up the 15th Region ladder. The Raiders return a much-improved group led by freshman guard Brandon Marson (6-2) and sophomores Shannon Turner (6-4) and Dakota Hall (6-1). Junior Corey Paige (6-5) and Dylan Langdon (6-4) will aid the Raiders inside.

Junior Tommy Joe Hall (6-2) is a versatile player who can play any position. He was South Floyd's sixth man during his freshman season. Hall broke his arm before the start of his sophomore campaign.

Barry Hall is the consistency in the 58th District boys' basketball coaching ranks. He is the lone boys' basketball coach back from last season.

## AUTO RACING

### Penske Racing turns positive laps during Kentucky test session

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**SPARTA** — Penske Racing's new-look NASCAR Sprint Cup Series line-up of Kurt Busch, Sam Hornish, Jr., and David Stremme rolled through its 2009 punch list during a test session Tuesday at Kentucky Speedway.

Items on the agenda included a trial run of next season's test rules as well as a shake down of the new Dodge race engine.

"We have four or five different projects we're working on. We didn't feel like we tested that well at Lowe's Motor Speedway last week, so we had to make some changes in our plans. We were going to go to the Indianapolis tire test, but instead we came here and decided to blend this test into the procedures for what's going to happen next year.

"We didn't know how many cars we were going to be able to get ready in time (for today), but next year you can have as many drivers as you want test. We just have to change seats and seat belts (in the cars.) We're working on that to see how quick we can make that happen as well as comparing Sam's car to my car. We're also spending more time on the engines," Busch said.

The 2004 series champ ranked 18th in the Sprint Cup Series standings heading into Saturday night's race after racing to his 18th career victory on June 29 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and tallying a total of three top-five and seven top-10 finishes this season. He was among the first to break in the new Dodge power plant during competition Sept. 28 at Kansas Speedway and said there is more work to be done.

"The more testing we can get (with the engine) the better," the nine-year veteran said. "In race conditions it ran cool as far as water temperature, but the oil temperature was up around 250 degrees, so that was a little warm for normal circumstances. Maybe the engine has a bigger water cavity, we just need to get more miles on it to balance that out as well as measure its durability. It's just like everything else; it takes time. If it were lightning in a bottle we'd have poured it in a long time ago."

He added that Tuesday's test conditions created a productive learning lab as his team cast its eye to the future.

"This is a great mile-and-a-half racetrack that has its own identity," Busch commented. "It's flat and doesn't seem to have the banking like most of the mile-and-a-half racetracks, but it's a consistent place where a driver can gain the speed that he needs down the straightaway, then get down into the flatter corners and wrestle the car if it's tight or loose. That's what makes this a good testing track."

The Bank of America 500 at Lowe's Motor Speedway ended too late to make this edition. Complete coverage of the race will appear in Wednesday's edition.



## Votto named NL Rookie of the Month

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto has been named the September recipient of the National League Rookie of the Month Award presented by Gillette.

Votto batted .309 (29-94) with eight doubles, two triples, nine home runs and 20 RBI in 25 September games. The 25-year-old first baseman posted a .723 slugging percentage and a .400 on-base percentage, and added 18 runs and two stolen bases. Votto ended the season on a seven-game hitting streak and had hit safely in 10 of his final 11 games, including eight multi-hit games. A native of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Votto recorded multi-hit games in three consecutive contests on three occasions during the month - September 3-5; 18-20; and 22-24.

On September 19, against Milwaukee, Votto collected the second multi-homer game of his career, going 2-for-4 with two home runs and four RBI. Votto, who was selected in the second round of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft, finished the season with a .297 average, 24 home runs, 32 doubles, 84 RBI and a .506 slugging percentage. Votto led all N.L. rookies in batting average, hits (156), home runs, total bases (266), multi-hit games (42), on-base percentage and slugging percentage, and finished second in RBI, runs scored (69), doubles and extra-base hits (59). In addition, Joey's 24 home runs were the second-most by a rookie in Reds history behind Frank Robinson's 38 in 1956, and his 84 RBI ranked third all-time among Reds rookies. Votto also became the first player in franchise history to produce at least 20 home runs and 30 doubles in his rookie season.

## Mudcats, Reds announce PDC, plus Major League exhibition

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ZEBULON, NC — The Double-A Carolina Mudcats and National League's Cincinnati Reds have jointly announced the signing of a two-year player development contract running through the 2010 season. Additionally, the Mudcats will be hosting a Major League exhibition game with the Reds on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Five County Stadium.

"The Reds are a baseball icon and we're proud to have such a highly-rated Minor League system coming our way," remarked Mudcats owner Steve Bryant, noting that Baseball America ranked the Reds' Minor League organization third in baseball entering 2008. "It speaks well of the Mudcats organization that Cincinnati has been so highly interested in being here."

"We're very excited about having the Reds partner with us," commented Carolina's General Manager Joe Kremer. "Many Midwesterners have relocated to North Carolina over the years, including a large number of Buckeyes and a very strong Reds following."

The Reds represent the oldest existing Major League team, established in 1882 and joining the National League in 1890, winning nine N.L. pennants and five World Championships.

The Mudcats begin their Cincinnati era on Thursday, April 9 against the defending Southern League champions Mississippi Braves at Trustmark Park in Pearl, Miss.



RACE WINNER: Frank Stanley (left) was awarded the first-place trophy by race director Rick Roberts Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Annual Apple Run in Paintsville. Stanley has won six Apple Runs.



FILE PHOTOS SOUTH FLOYD is one of dozens of area high school volleyball teams preparing for upcoming district tournament play. Head coach Keith Smallwood guides the Lady Raider volleyball team.



## Five minutes with Tiger, and time really is money

by TIM DAHLBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

For Tiger Woods, time really is money.

Five hours on the golf course might make him a million dollars. A couple of days sketching out a golf course on a rocky outpost in Mexico might be that, plus another \$10 million or so more.

Five minutes on the phone with me? Priceless.

That was the precise time allotted the other day when Woods made an appearance at a Los Angeles hotel to announce his latest business venture. I tried to make it six, but the ever efficient public relations woman would have no part of it.

There wasn't any talk about his surgically repaired left knee or his return to golf. That's partly because Woods has already covered the subject as much as he's going to, but mostly because the only reason Woods had my number was to discuss the golf course he was designing about 70 miles south of San Diego.

And, hey, I only had five minutes. Think I was going to waste them by asking him about Elin and Sam?

So, Tiger, just how great is that Punta Brava course?

"You really can't ask for a better piece of land," Woods said. "We're going to have 17 greens or tees on the water, with eight shots played over

water. I don't know of any other course that can say that."

There's also not many other courses that can say they were designed by the greatest golfer of his time. Two to be exact, one now under construction in Dubai and another soon to break ground in North Carolina.

They don't come cheap. Nothing Woods is involved in comes cheap.

The price tag on this development is penciled in at about \$100 million and will include the golf course, a hotel, some villas and 40 estate lots where the price tag starts at \$3 million and goes to \$12 million.

That's just for land, which just about limits the pool of buyers to Woods and perhaps some former Lehman Brothers executives. Indeed, Woods plans to build a home there.

With the economy on the skids, this probably wasn't the best time to announce a development for the super rich, though the project has been under way for some time. Woods was supposed to walk the site on the Monday after the U.S. Open, but had an unplanned play date with Rocco Mediate and had to delay the trip a day.

At the official announcement Tuesday in Los Angeles, developer Red McCombs said that if it weren't for Woods, he never would have become involved.

"When this was brought to

me, I wasn't especially turned on," said McCombs, former owner of the Minnesota Vikings and San Antonio Spurs. "Then they told me there was a good chance that Tiger would be involved. I said, 'Forget it. It's over. I'm in.'"

Go to the Punta Brava Web site and there's some dramatic video of Woods standing on a rocky cliff overlooking the Pacific, surveying the scene and talking about the magnificence of it all. Study it closely because the whole development will be private and it may be the only chance we get to see the peninsula of land that juts out from the Mexican coast.

McCombs is betting that there is still a market for ultra high-end private clubs, even while the golf industry, as a whole, is in a deep and troubling slump. People are playing less golf than before, and after a decade-long boom more golf courses closed in each of the last two years than opened.

But having Woods on board is a sure way to stand out in the clutter of exclusive developments that have all but been reduced to begging for members. Everybody, it seems, has a Jack Nicklaus-designed course (he has 265 of them), but Woods promises to be stingy when it comes to the number of courses he puts his name on.

"I'm not going to probably design a lot of golf courses over the course of my career," Woods said. "I don't have the time to design 10 golf courses a year like some guys do, nor do I want to."

Woods has always studied the courses he plays, and seems to know them as well as the greenskeeper. At the Masters every year he'll notice the subtle changes made to the course before anyone else.

Whether that translates to great design won't be apparent until the first Woods course is completed in Dubai. As architect Pete Dye once told me, there's only so many ways to design a par-4, and it's all pretty much been done before.

Whatever Woods does, though, is guaranteed to be better than the first hole he designed in seventh grade for a Golf Digest contest. It was a crazy horseshoe shaped par-5 dressed up with all the tricks he could come up with.

"The person who won drew a straight par-4 with nothing on it," Woods said. "What are you going to do?"

Wish I could tell you, Tiger. Unfortunately, my five minutes are up.

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## Deer hunter should concentrate on water sources during drought

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — It seems like we haven't had a decent rain in months. August rainfall was the third lowest for that month since 1895. September is likely to post a similar record. Throughout the state, moderate to severe drought conditions are causing streams to dry up, leaves to turn and fall earlier than usual, and deer hunters to ask questions about how this drought will affect their season.

Drought can affect deer movement. Deer are usually able to meet most of their water needs with the moisture contained in plants they eat, as well as dew licked from forage in the morning. But when drought sets in, plants dry up and deer must rely more on other water sources.

"Standing water is important now since we have drought," said David Yancy, a wildlife biologist in the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' big game program. "They're not going to strike out cross-country, but if there's a watering hole in their core home range, they're probably using it more now."

Hunters should target watering areas like ponds, creek bottoms and even small pools left in nearly dried-up streams. Drought conditions can actually make these areas easier to find.

"With a drought, you know where the deer aren't going to be," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "You're going to be able to identify where there's good

forage and standing water, versus a year where everything is green. It makes your scouting job a little easier."

The fact that leaves are falling off trees earlier than usual can also make a gun hunter's job easier. However, bowhunters may need to look harder to find stand sites with foliage, and may need to pay more attention to camouflage.

"The sooner the leaves fall off, the better, because you can see deer," Brunjes said. "But this is a mixed blessing for bowhunters. You can see better, but the deer can also see you better."

Some hunters may be concerned that the drought could actually kill deer who can't find enough water. However, even severe droughts don't usually impact deer numbers in the eastern United States.

"They don't generally die of drought here like other places," explained Brunjes. "If deer can't get to water for a couple of days, they can die of thirst. But that doesn't typically happen in the east. A place like Kentucky has few square miles without some source of water — a pond, a creek or a livestock trough."

Concentrate on these areas and you could make this year's drought work for you. Kentucky's statewide archery and crossbow deer seasons are going on now, with early muzzleloader season coming up Oct. 18-19. For complete season dates and hunting regulations, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

## Late season dove options exist

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Outdoors enthusiasts love their old wives tales and take them as gospel truth: You can't catch bass in the wintertime. Spring is the only time to crappie fish. Dove hunting is a waste of time after opening weekend.

None of these is true. Dove hunters can find challenging hunting late into the year if they do their homework.

"A little scouting goes a long way right now," said Bill Mitchell, area manager for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Taylorsville Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA). "Doves this time of year are opportunistic. You'll have to get out and look for them."

Finding concentrations of birds is one of the keys to late season dove hunting. After the initial flurry of the early season, doves and other animals eat most of the seeds from prepared dove fields. The fields of sunflowers, millet and wheat don't hold the birds they did a month ago. Later in the season, other food sources come into

play.

"Those other fields that held birds earlier are fed out by now and the birds have moved on," Mitchell said. "Old tobacco fields where they've drilled in some seed should provide some hunting. Fields grown up in pigweed and foxtail and other natural vegetation that holds seeds attract doves this time of year."

Hunters must only hunt over areas disturbed by legitimate agricultural practices. Fields where people have added grains or other attractants are not legal for dove hunting.

Farmers cut their silage earlier than usual this year because of the dry summer, but a hunter who can get on the remains could have the best hunting of the fall. "Silage stubble fields are good places if there are some birds," said Rocky Pritchert, migratory bird program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Farmers are actually cutting their corn for grain right now. Those are excellent places if you can get permission to hunt them."

Large corn stubble fields

can also provide good jump hunting, akin to pursuing quail. The hunter spurs the doves to "jump" up and fly by walking toward them. "Big fields provide some good hunting in October," Mitchell said. "You can't cover all of it by yourself. After I scare up some birds, I watch where they land and go after them. You can get into some good hunting that way."

Ponds are overlooked by many dove hunters. They provide reliable action from opening day until the last segment of the season. "As dry as it is, find a water hole and you'll find doves," Mitchell said. "I've done some fantastic hunting over just a quarter-acre little seep hole. It's not fast and furious, but you can shoot 20 times, get your 15 birds and head to the house. When birds are back-pedaling into water, they are an easy target."

The best ponds to hunt are those with banks beaten down by cattle. "You want exposed banks," Pritchert explained. "You don't want any vegetation around the banks because doves can't move through it.

You want bare dirt."

One last option for late season dove hunters is hunting near roosting areas. Doves feed in the morning, go to water and roost about mid-day. A smart hunter will set up near a roosting area and intercept the birds as they come in. "Cedar thickets, pines and Osage orange stands are great roosting areas," Pritchert said. "Hunting near a roost is short-lived, but it provides about 30 minutes of really good action. You'll need to do a lot of searching to find roosting areas. A lot of times people stumble upon them."

Doves also come to roost in the late afternoon. Hunting hours end at sunset.

Dove hunting isn't over for the year. The weather is fantastic and doves abound for those willing to do a little extra work. The first segment of dove season runs through Oct. 24. The second segment opens Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27) and closes Dec. 5. The third segment of dove season opens Dec. 27, 2008 and closes Jan. 2, 2009. The daily bag limit is 15 birds.

## Young elk hunter to be featured on Kentucky Afield TV

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — A Warren County lad jumped at the chance to hunt wild elk after his name was drawn for Kentucky's elk lottery. The expedition is the lead story this weekend on Kentucky Afield television, this weekend.

Fall break was extra busy this year for John Taylor Shirley, 10, of Bowling

Green. It was his first elk hunt. Also in the field was proud dad, Frank Shirley, who now sees his son as part of an elite group of people who are still among the first to hunt elk in this state in 150 years. Family friend David Watkins in Pike County arranged the opening day hunt on private land, which resulted in the harvest of a 6x6 bull elk. Firearms season for antlered elk ran

October 4-10.

Also on the show: With deer harvest on the minds of most other big game hunters, "Kentucky Afield" will air part I of "Deer Processing: Techniques from the field to the freezer." The three-part series gives hunters step-by-step instructions on how to carve the best cuts of meat to maximize their harvest. In part I, Scott County butcher Sim Harp joins host Tim

Farmer for tips on skinning a deer. DVR users take note - these are excerpts from the popular DVD normally sold on the program's website.

"Kentucky Afield" is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It is the longest continuously-running outdoor television show in the nation. The program airs again today at 4 p.m. on KET 1.



# Bengals looking to Benson to ignite running game

by JOE KAY  
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CINCINNATI — Check out the Cincinnati Bengals' rushing leaders.

Their top runner? Chris Perry, who has only 239 yards in five games with a paltry 2.8 yards per carry. Oh, he's also fumbled five times, losing three.

The next two in line? Quarterbacks.

No, Carson Palmer isn't directing the wishbone in Cincinnati these days. Ryan Fitzpatrick didn't run the option during his one-game fill-in role. But there they are, ranked among the top three when it comes to carrying the ball in Cincinnati.

That's one of the biggest problems with this 0-5 team, and it has to change. Cedric Benson might be the catalyst.

The newcomer was impressive in his debut last Sunday, a 31-22 loss at Dallas. Bengals coaches are trying to find more ways to get him involved in an offense that he's still learning. They liked the way he ran between the tackles, giving Cincinnati the up-the-middle threat they've been missing this season.

"I thought he was pretty decisive in his cuts, in his movement, which is important now where we are," coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's important that we go ahead and we let the guys up front work and kind of ride the wave a little bit. That's one thing that we continue to coach Chris on very hard, to take the ball vertically and then let things happen."

The Bengals signed Benson as a free agent last week, after running back DeDe Dorsey suffered a season-ending hamstring injury. Benson, who had been out of football since the Bears released him in the off-season, carried 10 times for 30 yards against Dallas, making the most of his limited role in an unfamiliar offense.

"It's a lot different," Benson said. "It's a totally different playbook, totally different calls, totally different run schemes. It's night and day."

It could be the start of something familiar in Cincinnati.

The Bengals' running game was at its best when Rudi Johnson — a tackle-to-tackle runner — alternated with Perry in 2005 to help Cincinnati make the playoffs. Perry is a more accomplished pass

receiver and outside runner, but has been hurt most of the last two years. Johnson was released before the start of this season.

If Benson can catch on, the Bengals might have another duo.

"I wouldn't compare Rudi and Chris to Chris and Cedric," Palmer said. "Those three guys all have three different running styles. But the good thing that Chris and Rudi did was complement each other well, and I think Chris and Cedric can complement each other."

"We just need to see more from Cedric. We haven't seen him that much. The more he's around, the longer the look coaches can get at him and see what more of what his strengths and weaknesses are and build a little bit more of a package for him down the road."

The Bengals are averaging 78 yards on the ground per game, third-worst in the NFL. Only Detroit and Indianapolis

are worse. If Perry keeps going nowhere and fumbling, the

explain how we're going to handle that situation. We want Chris to take care of the ball and do that just like everybody else that handles the football on this team is asked to do. As Cedric learns more about this offense and understands where he needs to go, his role has an opportunity to expand."

## Bengals LB Blackstock suspended 4 games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The NFL suspended Cincinnati Bengals reserve linebacker Darryl Blackstock for the next four games on Tuesday because he used a performance-enhancing substance.

The Bengals signed Blackstock as a free agent from Arizona in the offseason. He has played in all five games, including one start, and has four tackles. The fourth-year veteran said in a statement that one of his nutritional supplements contained an ingredient banned by the league.

"I've apologized to my

coaches and teammates for an unfortunate mistake," Blackstock said. "I did not intentionally violate the policy, but I know it's my responsibility to use only approved nutritional supplements, and I didn't realize I was taking an over-the-counter product that included a banned substance."

The Bengals also re-signed running back Kenny Watson, who was released on Saturday when they needed to open a roster spot for receiver Chris Henry. The troubled receiver returned from a four-game suspension for misconduct and played in a 31-22 loss at Dallas, where he didn't have a pass thrown his way.

Watson carried seven times for 32 yards in the first four games, when he was Chris Perry's backup. His return gives the Bengals three tailbacks, including Cedric Benson, who was signed last week as a free agent.

Cincinnati also added rookie cornerback Simeon Castille to their practice squad on Tuesday. Castille, an undrafted free agent from Alabama, played in the first four games and was waived last Friday.

# Cleveland counter: Browns looking for Giant turnaround

by TOM WITHERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards pressed play on the compact stereo system in his locker and suddenly the room filled with that signature song.

First, the horns: Bum, bum, ha-da-da, bum, bum. Then, Sinatra.

"Start spreadin' the news, I'm leaving today," belted Ol' Blue Eyes. "I want to be a part of it ... New York, New York."

"All right," quarterback Brady Quinn said. "I've been waiting for some Sinatra all day."

The Browns, who have an upcoming Monday night game against the unbeaten Giants (4-0), are in a New York state of mind this week.

They see the defending Super Bowl champions as role models. The Browns (1-3) believe they can rebound from a disastrous start, renew confidence in their shaken quarterback, take the heat off their embattled coach, turn their season around with a long winning streak and hoist the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Why not? The Giants did it. "It inspires the entire league," Browns linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said. "Everyone talks about it. The way they started and the way they finished gives everybody hope."

Coming off a wild-card playoff appearance in 2006, New York entered last season

with high expectations. Then an 0-2 start had the Giants on the doorstep of major upheaval.

Quarterback Eli Manning was being criticized for not living up to his status as a No. 1 overall pick or being as good as big brother, Peyton. Coach Tom Coughlin was thought to be on his way out the door. The New York tabloids were having a field day with the plunging G-men.

New York trailed in its third game, 17-3 at Washington, before scoring 21 unanswered points to win. It was followed by five straight victories, and except for a few minor missteps, the Giants have hardly looked back.

"Nobody gave them a chance," Edwards said. "Even when they started playing well they still didn't get a chance."

So, how'd they do it? "They just played football," he said.

Following a 20-12 win over Cincinnati and a week of needed rest, the Browns are feeling much better about their season and see a prime-time TV appearance as a chance to prove their worth.

"It's a great opportunity," said quarterback Derek Anderson, who barely escaped the Bengals game with his job. "It's Monday Night Football. I've never played on it, other than preseason. You dream about it as a kid. I know everybody here's going to be ready to go. You don't want to go out there and lay an egg."

Anderson, who remains the NFL's 31st-rated passer, was possibly down to his last series in Cincinnati when coach Romeo Crennel decided to keep him in. The Pro Bowl quarterback responded by throwing a 4-yard TD pass on Cleveland's next possession and led the Browns to 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Before the game, Crennel had contemplated a switch to Quinn but stuck with Anderson, who rewarded his coach's faith.

"I felt like he gave us the best chance, that's why I stuck with him," Crennel said. "In the fourth quarter it began to click and hopefully that clicking will continue going. We took a step in the right direction with that win in Cincinnati. It gave us a little confidence and something we can build on."

Manning's redemptive road from despair to Super Bowl MVP last season had its share of potholes. He threw a career-high four interceptions — three were returned for touchdowns — in a late November home loss to Minnesota. And in New York's Dec. 16 rematch with the Redskins, also at home, Manning had a remarkable 34 incompletions in 53 attempts.

Still, he pushed on and led the Giants to playoff road wins at Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay before guiding New York to its comeback win over previously unbeaten New England in the Super Bowl.

"He just kept working, kept plugging away," Anderson said. "It wasn't always pretty at times. Next thing you know, they start winning a few games and win the dang Super Bowl. It can turn around in a hurry."

The Browns believe they are better than what they've shown through four games, and with starting wide receiver Donte Stallworth and right tackle Ryan Tucker likely to return from injuries to make their season debuts, Cleveland will finally field a team on Monday closer to the one it expected to have in '08.

In August, the Giants scored 30 unanswered points in the first half and beat the Browns 37-34 in a game that wasn't close when both teams played their starters.

"They embarrassed us," Anderson recalled. "It was about 10 to 15 minutes of chaos for everybody involved."

Cleveland has a chance to atone for that ugly night, as well as three losses they can't get back. The Browns want to make a Giant comeback of their own.

As far as Edwards is concerned, there's no better place to start than on Monday night.

"It's a big game for us," he said. "We feel like we have a small bit of momentum as we get ready to play a team that's arguably the best in the league. It's a chance for us to really get back in the thick of things."

# Steelers kicker Reed's groin injury not serious

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PITTSBURGH — Steelers kicker Jeff Reed probably won't miss any games because of a groin injury he suffered in a win over Jacksonville on Sunday night.

Pittsburgh (4-1) is off this week, and Reed said Tuesday he should be fine for the Oct. 19 game at Cincinnati.

Reed could have attempted a field goal during the Steelers' final possession if necessary, coach Mike Tomlin said.

The Steelers, trailing 21-20, scored on Ben Roethlisberger's 8-yard touchdown pass to Hines Ward with 1:53 remaining for a 26-21 victory. If the drive had stalled, Reed might have been needed to attempt a potential go-ahead field goal.

"I don't know how far (Reed could have kicked) and thankfully we didn't have to find out," Tomlin said Tuesday. "He had a kick in him if we needed it. The outer limits of his range remained a question."

Reed is 9-for-9 on field goals this season. Reed was hurt during the first half, although he kicked off to begin the second half. Punter Mitch Berger kicked off after that, and he also might be needed to kick off at Cincinnati. Tomlin said that won't be decided until practice next week.

Defensive end Brett Keisel, out for three weeks with an injured calf, practiced Tuesday and might be ready to return. "He was the liveliest set of legs we had out there," Tomlin said.

Running back Willie Parker, who has missed two games with a sprained knee, previously said he would play against the Bengals.

Among those sitting out the Steelers' only practice of the bye week were Roethlisberger (shoulder), offensive tackle Marvel Smith (groin), nose tackle Casey Hampton (groin), cornerback Deshaea Townsend (heel) and safety Troy Polamalu (quadriceps).

Roethlisberger had pain in his slightly separated right shoulder during the fourth quarter, but that didn't prevent him from going 6-of-8 for 61 yards during the decisive 80-yard drive.

Tomlin predicted Roethlisberger "is going to be closer to 100 percent healthy" coming out of the bye, before the Steelers play during each of the final 11 weeks of the regular season.

# LB Coach says Packers' Hawk could sit out

Green Bay  
quarterback  
Rodgers  
improving

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — If Green Bay Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk's groin injury isn't vastly improved by Sunday, he could sit out the game against the Seahawks in Seattle.

Linebackers coach Winston Moss said he'll strongly recommend to coach Mike McCarthy that Hawk sit out if the injury isn't improved from what it was going into last Sunday's game against Atlanta.

Hawk, who suffered the injury Sept. 28 at Tampa Bay, clearly wasn't himself against the Falcons, Moss said. On Atlanta's first touchdown, Hawk correctly diagnosed the play but couldn't cover tight end Justin Peele because of the injury.

"He wasn't up to his standards. That's not going to happen again," Moss said after practice Thursday. Hawk was limited to a jog-through-only during

practice.

"I can only give my recommendation, (but) if he's trying to play through an injury and it looks like he's not going to play up to his standard or he's not going to help us win, we cannot put him in that situation," Moss said.

"It's more of a coaching responsibility not to put him in that situation where he's got to play through things."

Health watch: Cornerback Charles Woodson was at practice for the first time since suffering a broken toe on his right foot in the regular-season opener against Minnesota. Woodson has played in every game since the injury, despite not attending or participating in a single practice. Woodson didn't do much Thursday, but he did take part in the early-practice jog-through session.

"Practice is important. He's progressed with his medical situation," McCarthy said. "He's not in the boot anymore, so it's good to have him down there at the jog-throughs. It just wasn't in his best interest in prior weeks for him to be standing that long with the boot on his foot."

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers took part in the "majority of the practice," McCarthy said, with

one very important caveat: He didn't throw the ball at all, resting his injured right shoulder for one more day.

"We really didn't do any throwing. He was involved in everything else but that," McCarthy said. Rodgers will be re-examined by team doctor Pat McKenzie before resuming throwing.

Fullback Corey Hall (knee), who hasn't played since Sept. 14 at Detroit, "looks good" in practice, McCarthy said, and he anticipates Hall to be active for the Seahawks game.

Wide receiver James Jones suffered a setback with his knee and sat out his second straight practice. Safety Atari Bigby (hamstring) was sore and figures to miss another game, while safety Aaron Rouse (knee) practiced fully.

## Lambeau Field expansion on hold; Packers blame economy

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers blame eco-

nomie conditions for putting a planned \$25 million expansion of Lambeau Field on hold.

The plan announced in July would add an elevated plaza to the stadium's south side and put in secure underground parking for players.

But, as reported by WFRV-TV Thursday night, Packers president and CEO Mark Murphy said paying for it would require selling off some investments, and it's not a good time for that.

Patrick Webb, who serves as executive director of the stadium district, issued a statement saying the project is still in long-term plans, but the district supports the decision to defer it given the current state of financial markets.

The team is going ahead with work on the new Ray Nitschke practice field.

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Deane Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502, the new permit number will be 836-5543. The operation disturbs 2.18 surface acres, and underlies 409.72 acres. No new acres are being affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 1.80 mile east of Halo, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The operation is located approximately 2.4 miles northeast from KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 7, and located 1.42 mile east of Jacks Creek. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°19'05"N. The longitude is 82°44'28"W.

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Enterprise Mining Company, LLC, 5703 Crutchfield Drive, Norton, VA 24273, intends to transfer permit number 860-5287 to change the operator. The operator presently approved is Enterprise Mining Company, LLC. The new operator will be Deane Mining LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502. The operation is located 0.8 mile east of Hall, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The operation is located approximately 0.75 mile east of KY 122's junction with KY 1498, and located 0.0 mile east of Dave's Branch. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°18'12" and longitude 82°45'24".

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Company, LLC, 5703 Crutchfield Drive, Norton, VA 24273, intends to transfer permit number 860-5290 to Deane Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502. The new permit number will be 860-5317. The operation disturbs 5.85 surface acres, and underlies 1451.11 acres. No new acres are being affected by this transfer.

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Mining Co. of Paintsville, Inc., 1509 Napier St., Flatwoods, Kentucky 41139, has applied for a Phase II & III Bond Release on permit No. 836-5332 Inc. No. 1, which was last issued on 12/14/1999. The application covers an area of approximately 4.94 surface acres, located approximately 1/2 mile north of Honaker in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.80 mile south of the junction of CR 1426 and the Justice Branch Road, and is approximately 0.03 mile south of Justice Branch.

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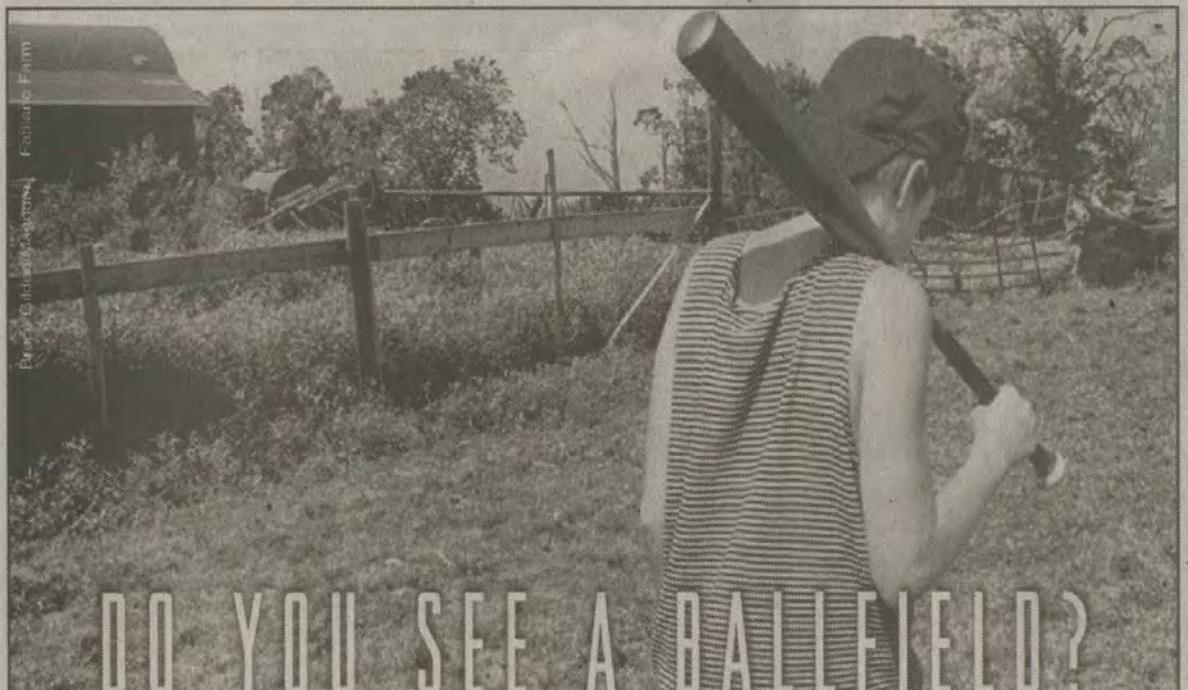
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# Starter motor keeping reader from beauty shop

by TOM and RAY  
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
My 1997 Honda Accord Wagon has 89,702 miles. I'm 82 — I drive 36 miles round trip once a week to bowl. The rest of the week, I go to shop, church, clubs, etc. All of that is probably 10 miles, total. My problem is that, mostly after the 36-mile round trip followed by several stop-and-go errands, the car will not start. The key just doesn't work. The Honda dealer said it would cost \$350 to fix. I'm 82 — I can't deal with this stress. Suggestions, please, NOW. I need to go get my hair cut. Thanks. — Marge

RAY: We've been waiting to hear from you, Marge. Your neighbors have been writing to us, complaining that your beehive is getting awfully ragged around the edges.

TOM: You say, "The key just doesn't work." I assume you mean that you turn the key all the way to the "start" position to start the car, and nothing happens. You get dead silence. If that's the case — given the conditions under which this happens — then you probably need a starter motor.

RAY: And that's about \$350. It may cost a little less at an independent shop than it does at the dealership. If you don't have an independent mechanic you like and trust (because if you trusted this guy, you wouldn't have written to us and canceled your hair appointment), you can find one through our Mechanics Files.

TOM: You go to [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com), click on the Mechanics Files, and enter your ZIP code and the word "Honda." It'll give you a list of mechanics in your area who work on Hondas and have been personally recommended by other readers and listeners of ours.

RAY: Maybe you can even find a good place within walking distance of your beauty shop, Marge. Then they can swap out your starter while you're sitting under the hair dryer reading the latest copy of Vogue. Good luck.

## Will Dodge Dar hit the spot?

Dear Tom and Ray:  
Since moving to another city, I've been stricken with car problems. First, I had a VW Eurovan, which was great all winter. But then it needed a \$2,000 air-conditioning unit. I promptly sold it. Then I bought an Acura. It's a nice car, but it doesn't like to start. While looking for a Subaru or something to replace the Acura, I came across a 1963 Dodge Dart. Because it's old, I figure it's got to be very simple. Fewer parts means less can go wrong. Am I correct in trying to go basic? By the way, the car has an interesting history. It was owned from 1983 to 2003 by Peter DeFazio ... the congressman from Oregon's 4th Congressional District. Cool, huh? — Will

TOM: We've actually seen that very car, Will. We were visiting the Capitol a few years ago to attend a soiree for the benefit of National Public Radio. Peter DeFazio grabbed us, dragged us through the halls of Congress, and insisted that we come out to the parking lot behind the Capitol so he could show off his Dodge Dart.

RAY: And we're glad to hear that all the therapy we recommended has worked, and Peter has finally been able to let go of that thing.

TOM: You might not know

this, Will, but until just a few years ago, I owned a beautiful 1963 Dodge Dart convertible, which I loved. It was incredibly reliable. It started every day, and never gave me a moment's trouble — until my then-teenage son decided to stop short in front of a city snowplow, and turn it into a snub-nosed subcompact.

RAY: Well, it was fine for my brother, because his daily driving consists mostly of puttering half a mile up to his favorite coffee shop and sitting there until the owner throws

him out, and then driving back home. But if you have to actually DRIVE this car, and it's necessary for you to actually BE places at specific TIMES, I think this is a bad idea, Will.

TOM: Well, what if he just wants to drive it around town?

RAY: Will, if you plan to drive it 500 miles a year or less, and are willing to drive only between 3 and 4 in the morning, when there's no traffic, then I'd say fine. But if you're planning to drive this thing miles a day, in traffic, I'd argue against it.

TOM: Why? It's a tank!

RAY: A septic tank. Modern cars have anti-lock braking systems, electronic stability control, air bags, crumple zones, reinforced doors, padded dashboards. The Dart didn't even have seat belts!

TOM: Picky, picky.

RAY: Will, try putting a new fuel-pump relay in your Acura. That's a common reason those cars don't start in hot weather. If that doesn't fix it, and you still want another car, buy the cheapest new Kia,

Hyundai or Suzuki you can find. Any one of those will have tons of safety features and a long new-car warranty, and — no matter how small it is — it'll be 10 times safer than that Dart.

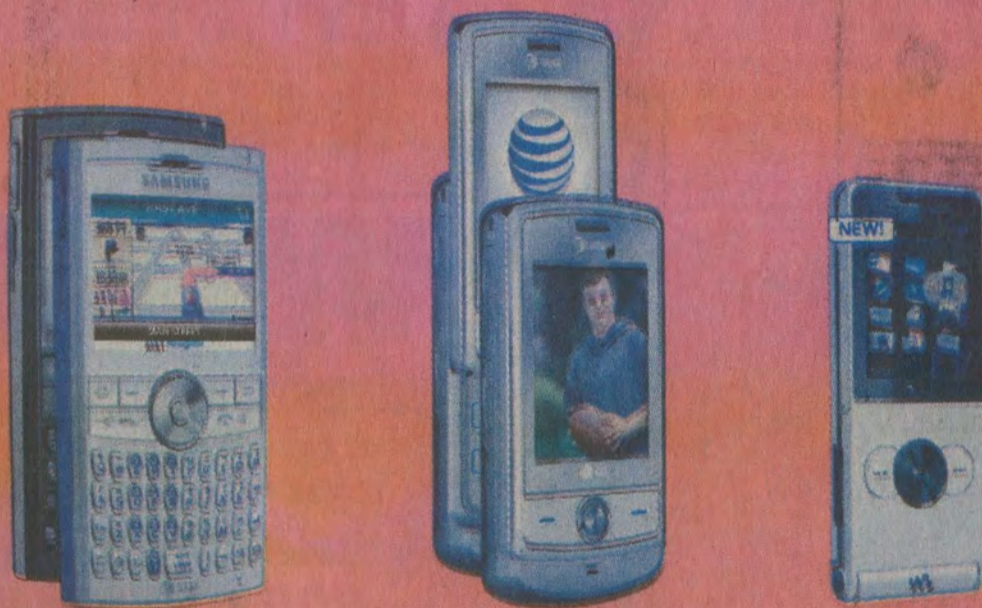
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