

#### In brief

Another town calls on residents to conserve water

**The Associated Press** 

FLEMING-NEON -Another Eastern Kentucky community is calling on residents to conserve water amid a lingering drought.

Water Department Superintendent Carlos Phillips says residents of Fleming-Neon shouldn't wash cars or water lawns until precipitation replenishes the city's water supplies.

Phillips told The Mountain Eagle newspaper in nearby Whitesburg that he is calling for voluntary conservation. He says residents can use as much water as is needed for daily living, "but no frills."

Magoffin County residents also are facing water woes. Businesses and schools in and around Salyersville are under a water emergency and are told to minimize water use by switching to disposable utensils and shutting off soda and ice machines.

The drought has depleted the Licking River, which is the county's primary source of drinking water.

2 DAY FORECAST

## County still waiting for coal money

#### SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Despite voting to raise the pay of two county employees and recalling a previously laid-off deputy coroner, members of The Floyd County Fiscal Court spent more time expressing hope Friday that coal severance money earmarked for use by July 1 would be here in time to take care of already planned business.

The county is expected to receive some \$630,000 in coal severance money to be spent before July 1, 2009, the end of the fiscal year, but have yet to receive the funds, a fact that led some officials to seek reassurance Friday.

District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens asked about the status of the severance money and was told there should be no-problems in receiving the funds in time

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Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall spoke with fellow members of the fiscal court Friday to address the expected arrival of hundreds of thousands of dollars in coal severance money for the county.

photo by Sheldon Compton

#### RED, WHITE 8. BLUE



Gray skies and soggy streets didn't deter local residents from having a good time at the annual Red, White and Blue Festival in Martin on Friday.

### Working families continue to struggle

#### SHELDON COMPTON "It's just getting harder in the state are occupations

### Shooting suspect caught

SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND - A fiveday search for a suspect police say shot a man four times ended with his arrest in Wayland Thursday.

Wesley Glenn Martin, 33, of Clear Water Road in Wayland, was taken into custody Thursday and charged with first-degree assault for allegedly shooting 28-year-old Robert A. Brady four times on Oct. 11.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department had been searching for Martin since Brady was found

wounded over the weekend. Deputy Sheriff Terry Chaffins arrested Martin Thursday and had been helping to actively pursue the hunt, and served Martin's warrant Thursday.

"The way they understood it, the two had had a physical altercation earlier in the day," said Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, "and Mr. Martin then went back and supposedly shot Mr. Brady."

Martin's criminal record includes convictions on charges in both Floyd and Knott County.

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### Animal shelter receives donation

by JARRID DEATON vides relief for abandoned



#### STAFF WRITER

A national report released this past week says that 30 percent of working families in Kentucky are considered lowincome, more commonly referred to as "the working poor."

Mike Tackett, of Melvin, doesn't need a national report to tell him this. He says he himself struggles under the pinched financial times and most of the people he knows do the same.

every day to make ends meet," Tackett said. "My work is seasonal and so there are times when I draw unemployment until my work starts again. It's hardly enough, and I am, like a lot of other people, working as hard as I can and doing the best I can. It's just never enough lately.'

> The report, originating from a study based in Washington, D.C. also says that of the 30 percent considered lowincome, 24 percent of the jobs

paying below the federal poverty level for a family of four.

The report, "Still Working Hard, Still Falling Short," is a follow-up to a 2004 report "Working Hard, Falling Short" also offered statistics saying that 1-in-4 working families nationwide - a total of 42 million adults and children were low-income in 2006, earning too little to meet their

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FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -The furry friends that currently call the Floyd County Animal Shelter home now have a new reason to wag their tails, as the Jenny Wiley Festival Committee donated \$700 to the shelter to be used for food.

"This is a great need in our area," said Donna Wells, chairwoman of the festival. "The shelter pro-

pets and stray animals. Without the shelter, we would have a very serious problem within our city. The folks do a very good job at the shelter, but they definitely need help."

Wells hopes that the citizens of Floyd County will decide to visit the shelter and possibly give a new home to one or more of the animals there.

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### UNITE, Focus on the Family hold summit

#### by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Operation UNITE kicked off its "Declare Hope" family-strengthening summit with Focus on the Family, a conservative Christian organization, at the Allen Baptist Church in Prestonsburg on Friday

"Believing that strong families are key to healthy, safe and thriving communities, the Focus on the Family organization has partnered with Operation UNITE to launch a new initiative in southern and eastern Kentucky," said Dale Morton, communications director with Operation UNITE.

The Prestonsburg summit is the first of two meetings, with the second taking place in Somerset on Saturday.

Karen Engle, the director of Operation UNITE, is excited about the partnership with Focus on the Family.

"We are really happy with the crowd that showed at Allen Baptist Church," Engle said. "We expect an even larger crowd at Somerset because it is on the weekend. I'm elated about the partnership. Government programs are good and have their place, but very few times are they able to offer hope. With this partnership, we can."

Psychologist Dr. Bill Maier, host of the national "Weekend Magazine" radio program and the "Family Minute with Dr. Bill Maier," is the featured speaker at both events. Maier is also a frequent guest host for the daily "Focus on the Family" radio program and "Focus on the Family Commentary."

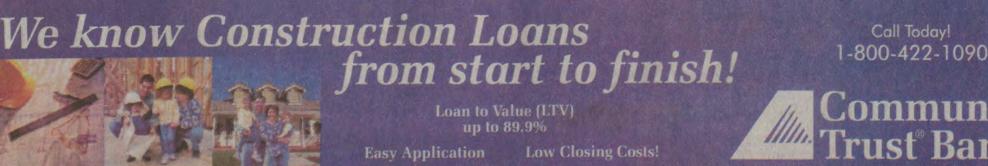
Those attending the meeting will receive a "family challenge" kit, a 75day plan to strengthen their own families, and a second kit to give to friends or family members.

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Karen Engle, director of Operation UNITE, speaks with Tim Rhodes, a pastor who drove from Morehead to attend the "Declare Hope" summit at Allen Baptist Church in Prestonsburg on Friday.



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#### FLOYD COUNTY

Glenn Preston "P-Conn" Conn, 41, of Ivel. dicd Sunday, October 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Connie Henson Conn. Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pluma Colleen Hall, 78, Wheelwright, died of Wednesday, October 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mark Leslie Leon Kidd, 35, of Dana, died Tuesday, October 12, in Dana. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Dustin M. Owens (Dude), 26, of Garrett, died Tuesday, October 14, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Tiffany Amelia Cody Owens. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Willie Milton (Bill) Potter, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, October 13, at St. Joseph East, Lexington. 'Funeral services were held Thursday, October 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funcral Home.

Fay R. Samons, 87, of Martin, died Tuesday, October 14, at St. Joseph, Martin. She is survived by her husband, Herlie Samons, Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Randall Lynn (Pee Wee) Tackett, 26, of Melvin, died Monday, October 13, in Bevinsvville. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Aaron Tuttle, 94, of Eastern, died Tuesday, October 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Roma Samons Tuttle. Funeral

services were conducted by his wife, Connie Henson Friday, October 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

 Virginia Lois Vaughan Paige Winemiller, 69, of Clay, West Virginia, died Tuesday, October 14, in Clay County, W.Va. Graveside services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

#### PIKE COUNTY

Hasco James Blackburn, 81, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, October 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Fay Dell Adkins Blackburn, Funeral services were held Sunday, October 12, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Michael Blackburn, 44, of Varney, died Saturday, October 11, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Charles Leon Blackburn, 75, of Hampton, Va., a Pikeville native, died Tuesday, September 30. He is survived by his wife, Linda Blackburn. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home of Hampton.

Conley Burke, 81, of Virgie, died Wednesday, October 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 19, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Vina Coleman, 74, of Oak Hill, Ohio, a Pikeville native, died Thursday, October 9. at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Monday, October 13, under the direction of Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home of Oak Hill.

Garrell Compton, 55, of Toler Creek, died Saturday, October 11, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 15, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Glenn Preston "P-Conn" Conn, 41, of Ivel, died Sunday, October 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived

Conn. Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Carolyn S. Diles, 64, of Phelps, died Wednesday, October 15, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home of Phelps.

Ama Lee Elliott Hunt, 88, of Vansant, Va., a Pike County native, died Sunday, October 12, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 15, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramcy Funcral Home of Grundy, Va.

Willie "Junior" Justice Jr., 78, of Ransom, died Saturday, October 11, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

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.

Carolyn Kay Matheny, 62, of Raccoon, dicd Saturday, October 11, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Matheny. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 14, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

Roger Picklesimer, 75, of Greenwood, Ind., a Elkhorn City native, died Monday, October 6, at Kindred Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, October 10, under the direction of Wilson Street Pierre Funeral Home.

Cathern Puckett, 81, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, October 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Theodore M. Rowe, 72, of Lookout, died Tuesday, October 14, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn wife, Lucille Rowe. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

John Kermit Smith, 79, of Tipp City, Ohio, a native of Jonancy, died Thursday, October 9. Funeral services were held Monday, October 13, with burial following in the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Requa Kincer Spears, 90, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, October 11, in Barrington, III. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ingelore "Lola" Grabow Taylor, 64, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Pikeville, died Sunday, October 12, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Edward Taylor. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 15, under the direction of Herald & Stewart Home for Funerals of Mt. Sterling.

Nancy Louise Brown Thacker, 61, of Sidney, died Friday, October 10, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, October 13, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

George M. Thacker Sr., 62, of Ypsilanti, Mich., a native of McAndrews, died Wednesday, October 8, at University Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 3, under the direction of the Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel.

Patsy Ann Thacker, 68, of Delaware, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, October 14, at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 19, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Helen Pauline Trent, 71, of Gilbert, W.Va., a Phelps native, died Sunday, October 12, 2008, at Logan Regional Medical Center, Logan, W.Va. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 16, under the direction of Mounts

Funeral Home of Gilbert.

City. He is survived by his Anna Gibson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

> Ruby Slone Gibson, 54, of Hollybush, died Thursday, October 2, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

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

Harold L. Smith, 74, of Kendallville, Indiana, a native of Carrie, died Tuesday, October 7, at home. He is survived by his wife, Lola Smith. Funeral services were held Friday, October 10, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home.

Louise Williams, 77, of Emmalena, died Thursday, October 2, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, October 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

Shirley Blankenship, 91, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, October 14, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Maxine Williams Daniel, 88, of Sarasota, Florida, died Monday, October 13, at Heartland Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Sarasota. Funcral services were held Sunday, October 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Scofield Davis, 72, of Lowmansville, died Friday, October 10. Funeral services were held Monday, October 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Connic Oaks Meck, 53, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, October 14. She is survived by her husband, Charles Meek. Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Arvel 'Mush' Nelson,

held Monday, October 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Josephine Hill Osborn, 84, of Louisa, formerly of Jackson, died Saturday, October 11, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Garland Shortridge Jr., 61, of Louisa died Friday, October 10, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, October 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

#### MARTIN COUNTY

Effic Harmon, 77, of Pilgrim, died Wednesday, October 1, in Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Carmon Dalton James, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, October 8, in Mesquite, Texas. A burial and memorial service was held Friday, October 10, at the Mountain View Memory Gardens in Maher, W.Va.

Virginia (Edith) Justice, 71, of Lovely, died Monday, September 29, at her home. She is survived by her husband, John Justice. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Albert Porter, 66, of died Wednesday, Incz, October 1, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Dalton Porter. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

 Hazel Maynard Scott, 57, of Whitehouse, died Sunday, October 5, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. She is survived by her husband, William Henry Scott. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

James (J.T.) Smith, 39, of Inez, died Friday, October 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home. Gordon Kevin Whitt, 31, of Beauty, died Saturday, 27, in St. September Augustine, Florida. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction **Richmond-Callaham** lo Funeral Home.

### SocialSecurity.gov: The Olympian of websites

#### by PAUL D. BARNES SOCIAL SECURITY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER IN ATLANTA

If you're like millions of Americans, you spent two exciting weeks in August cheering on the United States at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing as U.S. athletes brought home more medals than any other nation in the world — a full 110 of them! In fact, Michael Phelps himself brought home more gold medals than anyone in the history of the Olympics. If Phelps were a country, he'd be tied in tenth place with France, Ukraine, and Netherlands for the most gold medals won quite a force to be reckoned with.

Now, consider this: If there was an Olympics for websites, www.socialsccurity.gov would be the Michael Phelps of that competition. Over the years, Social Security's website has been not only among the best in government, but the best in all industries.

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2007 WebAwards named the best websites in 96 industry categories. Nominations for best website came from interactive agencies and website marketing departments in more than 33 countries from around the world.

Just recently, in the second quarter of 2008, Social Security's Website brought home the Gold, Silver, and Bronze! The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) tracks customer satisfaction and rates websites for their performance. ACSI rated three of Social Security's websites as the three top sites in government. The websites cited were the Social Security's online application for extra help with Medicare prescription drug coverage, the online application for Social Security benefits and Business Services Online. We expect to take home the

Association competition. The medals again - current scores show that our new online Retirement Estimator is scoring even higher than those three winners.

> Microsoft Corp, with Technology's Government Public CIO Magazine, awarded Social Security the Microsoft Government Solutions Award in the Government to Citizen category. This award is for c-initiatives aiming to enhance government-to-government or government-to-citizen interaction, transactions, and/or services and was given to recognize the Internet Social Security Benefit Application.

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Paimer Williams, 73, of Collins, died Monday, October 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 16, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

#### KNOTT COUNTY

Arelne Caudill Barnhart, 76, of Hindman, died Wednesday, October 1, at Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Charlie Combs, 74, of Redfox, died Tuesday, September 23, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Jewell Combs. Funeral services were held Friday, September 26, under the direction of Hindman Funcral Services.

James Dairl Gibson, 68, of Pinetop, died September 27. He is survived by his wife,

75, of Tutor Key, died Thursday, October 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

 Clouis "Shortie" Salyer, 89, of Oil Springs, died Saturday, October 11, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

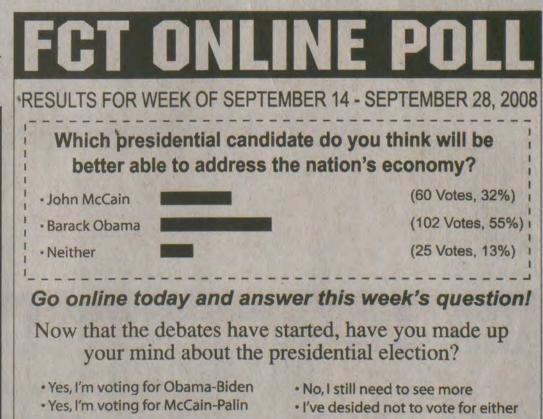
Everett Lyons, 78, of Charley, died at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held at Wilson Funeral Home in Louisa. Burial was in Lyons Cemetery at Charley.

Frank McKenzic, 97, of Louisa, a Johnson County native, died Friday, October 10, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. Funeral services were

#### **MAGOFFIN COUNTY**

Earnest Gene "Earnie" Perkins, 64, of Salyersville, died Sunday, October 12. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 15, under the direction of ' Magoffin County Funeral Home.

John J. Wireman, 74, of Load, a Magoffin County native, died Tuesday, October 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Dollie Hammond Wireman. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 16, under the direction of Funeral Evans Home. Raccland.



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though he has shown some

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considered experienced and

Fifth District Congressman

Hal Rogers, who founded

Operation UNITE in 2003,

attended the summit at Allen

Baptist Church, and is also

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organizations and concerned

individuals are presented with

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### Poll: Voters souring on McCain; Obama stays steady

#### by ALAN FRAM and TREVOR TOMPSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - When it comes to the public's image of John McCain, it's as if somebody dialed the electricity down in the past month. For Barack Obama, the juice is still flowing.

People's regard for the Republican presidential nominee has deteriorated across the board since September, an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll showed Friday, with McCain losing ground in how favorably he's seen and in a long list of personal qualities voters seek in White House contenders.

Perceptions of Obama have improved or remained steady. Beyond views of the two rivals' character traits, McCain faces another problem -Obama is more trusted on the economy, the contest's commanding issue, including a 15 percentage-point edge for better grasping how the raging financial crisis is affecting people.

Obama's image has been sturdy even as voters' views of the overall campaign have tumbled since September. The portion of people saying the contest excites them has sunk to 32 percent while those calling it frustrating have grown to 41 percent — and in both cases, six in 10 of those whose feelings have worsened are

McCain backers.

Negative campaigning and a month of intense public

focus on collapsing global economic and linancial markets have not been kind to McCain. The new AP-Yahoo News poll of likely voters, conducted this month by Knowledge Networks, shows more people viewing him favorably than unfavorably by just 5 percentage points, down from a 21-point difference in mid-September.

During the same period, Obama went the other way, increasing a 5 percentagepoint net favorable rating to 15 points. Now, Obama is scen favorably by 57 percent and McCain by 52 percent - a close margin that masks the opposite direction the two rivals' ratings are heading.

"He kind of scared me," Leesa Zick, 48, an undecided Republican from Edwardsville, Ill., said of McCain's abrupt and shortlived suspension of his campaign last month during Capitol Hill talks on a financial rescue package. "We need a president who can deal with multiple tasks. It seemed like it overwhelmed him."

For McCain, the poll's good news is that despite a difficult month, his public image is not dramatically worse than Obama's and in several areas remains better. The public still rates him higher than Obama for keeping America safe,

working with both political kind of frustrating." parties and being decisive, experienced and competent.

"He's more qualified than Obama, definitely, because of his experience and history, said Richard Tosti, 67, a Republican from Rochester, N.Y.

Zick and Tosti are among about 2,000 people the AP-Yahoo News poll has been tracking since November. By repeatedly questioning them, the survey has opened a detailed window on how people have reacted to the campaign's twists and turns.

Less than three weeks from Election Day, Obama has taken a solid lead over McCain in most national and swingstate polls. The AP-Yahoo News survey underscores the morale problem McCain faces.

Obama supporters are more than twice as likely to say they're excited about the race and significantly more likely to say they're interested and hopeful. McCain backers, meanwhile, more often say they feel frustrated and helpless. Underscoring a period that has seen the rival candidates trade personal attacks, about a fifth of those backing each say they're angry.

"There's a lot of mudslinging, which I've never been a fan of," said Eric Juhl, 27, a Republican and McCain backer from Abilene, Kan. "And to me, the media seems pretty left-wing oriented. It's

A sour public mood is typical late in presidential campaigns as both sides' attacks accumulate, said University of Wisconsin political scientist and polling authority Charles Franklin. This year's disenchantment is probably magnified by worries about how the candidates would handle the economy, he said.

Even so, Obama has staked out a clear advantage on economic concerns in the AP-Yahoo News poll. The Illinois senator is trusted more than McCain to improve the economy by 54 percent to 44 percent and to handle the financial crisis by 53 percent to 46 percent.

Obama also has a 56 percent to 41 percent advantage for understanding how the financial crisis affects people. Unhappily for McCain, six in 10 voters who may still change their minds, about as many independents and even one in 10 McCain backers prefer Obama on that question.

'To me, his background indicates he'd be a little more sensitive to the middle class' in addressing economic problems, Peggy Chilton, 72, an independent from Los Angeles who hasn't decided on a candidate, said of Obama.

The numbers don't get better for McCain when it comes to personal traits.

Following debates between the two rivals in which the Arizona senator has appeared angry at times, 46 percent consider him hot-tempered, more than triple the 13 percent who say so about Obama.

"He'd be a little nerveracking to have in the White House, jumping real fast," Darlenc Finley, 48, an Obamaleaning independent from Ossincke, Mich., said of McCain. "When you're talking about war, that's something you don't want to do; jumping real fast."

Since September, McCain has lost ground on nearly every quality tested in the poll, including lower scores for being likable, decisive, honest, competent, intelligent and inspiring.

He's also lost ground for understanding ordinary people's problems, caring about 'people like you" and improving America's international

#### Arrest

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Those past convictions included charges of wanton endangerment, probation violation, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, menacing, terroristic threatening, aggravated assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct over the course of the last 14 years.

During his arraignment in Floyd County District Court Friday, Martin pleaded not, guilty. He will next appear for a preliminary hearing, the date of which has not yet been set.

Martin is being held at The Floyd County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond.

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#### Money

to take care of county business."This has to be spent before July 1, a lot of it will be spent on road repairs and we just want to make sure everything's on track to get that coal severance money," Owens said

So, in the meantime, several bids for the purchase of equipment were approved but always with the reminder to those in attendance that these purchases were contingent on receiving the funds to actually buy the equipment.

Purchases approved Friday included equipment ranging from backhoes to steer loaders and graders to excavators. The separate costs for these pieces were, according to bid openings, \$20,919, \$80,000, \$68,325 each for two backhoes and \$106,942.

"The money is not here right now," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "These are funds that will come as coal severance tax and these purchases will be made when funds become available."

Marshall added that the approved bids were contingent on the bid prices remaining constant between the bid openings Friday and when the money actually becomes available to the county.

Money concerns are not limited to coal severance money funds at least for Owens, who voted against approving the county's regular claims list during the court's regular meeting, saying fuel costs seemed far higher than they might should be.

"I have the largest district in the county and I think we spent around \$2,500 on fuel costs, but our claims list shows fuel costs at \$34,582," Owens said. "I just can't see that, and this needs to be looked into."

Of that total, county records show that just over \$24,000 was used on road fuel, and Owens expressed further concern that it seemed some bills were paid twice.

Marshall pointed out that there are some wrinkles in payment procedures that need to dealt with, adding that if this is taken care of, the higher costs could possibly be alleviated to a certain extent.

"This is a problem, but I'm keeping a close eye on this situation," said Marshall, adding that the concerns were "legitimate" and were being actively considered for solution. "In some cases we're not getting the proper bills to the proper members at the right time.

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#### Families

basic needs.

This is an increase of 350,000 working families who have fallen into the lowincome bracket in the last six years.

Tackett says these figures, though frustrating, come as little surprise.

'Things have been hard for a long time, even when things in general were decently stable. It's not just a recent problem," he said. "But now it just seems like a downhill battle that's just going to get worse with the way things are going with America today."

The report was produced by the Working Poor Families Project, a national initiative supported by Annie E. Casey, Ford, Joyce and C.S. Mott Foundations to examine the conditions of the nation's working families.

So what are some of the proposed solutions that are roffered from the report, aside from the dismal statistics presented? Much of that targets education policies.

There needs to be stronger policies for working families at both the state and federal level, the report suggests. The general conclusion highlights that "inadequate education plays a major role in preventing low-income workers from climbing the economic ladder." On this note, state and federal resources for adult education or skills training programs met only about onetenth of the need, the report states.

"These finding show that economic development in Kentucky must be about more than just creating jobs," said Justin Maxson, President of the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development. "We must pay more attention to improving job quality so workers are able to support their families."

Other findings in the report specific to Kentucky were:

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■ 34 percent of children live in low-income working families

■ 28 percent of lowincome working families have at least one parent without a high school degree and 57 percent have at least one parent without any post-secondary education.

■ 47 percent of minority working families are lowincome.

■ 34 percent of lowincome working families have at least one parent with no health insurance.

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"The shelter helps in so many ways. We are proud to support them.'

The donation was made possible by funds raised through the second annual Jenny Wiley Festival Pet Show. The show was sponsored and organized by Waggs and Whiskers, a local pct supply retailer owned by Megan

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Goble and Melinda Dotson. "We are proud that we can help the shelter and our community in this way," said Goble. "We hope more people can come out and see the show and see exactly what the shelter does for our community."

For more information about the Floyd County Animal Shelter, visit the shelter at Sally Stephens Branch' in Prestonsburg, or call them at (606) 886-3189.

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Guest view The threat of anti-industrialism

Not that you need anything else to worry about, but the nation's electricity supply is in danger. With supply near its grid capacity and demand growing rapidly, experts are predicting major blackouts in the coming year, with staggering costs.

NextGen Energy Council has issued a new report, "Lights Out in 2009?" that warns of an impending disaster in the nation's electricity power grid as usage overtakes power generation. ...

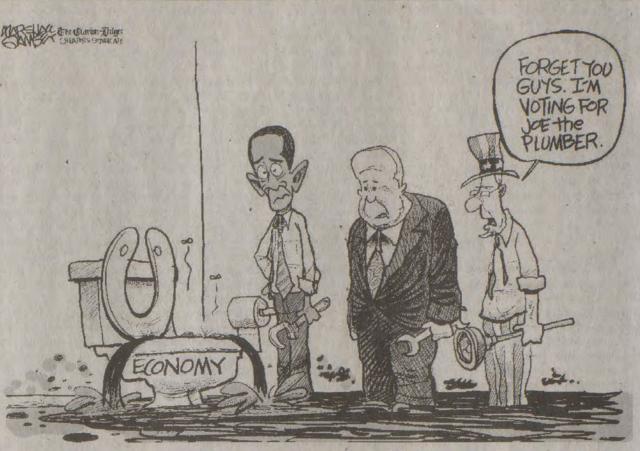
"Lights Out" quotes a recent AP story recalling the 2003 blackout that left 50 million people without electricity: "Five years after the worst blackout in North American history, the country's largest utilities say the U.S. power system faces the prospect of even bigger and more damaging outages." ...

The report cites five interrelated obstacles. "Of these impediments, the single biggest threat to system reliability is opposition from well-funded environmental groups that oppose and file lawsuits against virtually every new electricity project proposed."

Environmentalists — who could be better described as anti-industrialists since they oppose new energy plants even when they employ safer, cleaner technology than existing plants - use all manner of legal maneuvers to block new energy supplies. ...

Environmental organizations can count on consistently good press in the mainstream media where stories about Davids standing up to Goliaths play well, though often the opposite is nearer reality. Lawmakers, corrupted by contributions and intimidated by the environmental lobby, kowtow to their agenda.

That is why 85 percent of our nation's offshore oil reserves are off limits. That is why enormous known oil reserves on the Alaskan north slope, an uninhabitable wasteland, are off limits. That is why vast shale oil reserves, rivaling the oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, in the upper Great Plains are off limits. That is why no new oil refineries or nuclear power plants have been built in the U.S. for a generation, while in the rest of the world construction of both continues unabated. That is why the U.S. now imports two thirds of its oil.



#### Chuck Norris God gets boot again from Washington

Flying under the radar and literally under the ground of congressional bailout meetings were closet Capitol Hill discussions about God and Washington. It seems another revision of America's religious history has been under way - this time at the \$621 million, 580,000-square-foot Capitol Visitor Center, which will open in a couple of months.

Most news media recently were covering Tina Fey and Congress' foolish financial bailouts; reporter Bob Unruh and WorldNetDaily were virtually alone in exposing this latest divine omission at the U.S. Capitol. This massive and largely underground museum of sorts (about threequarters the size of the Capitol itself) will have exhibition galleries, theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria, gift shops, etc. But one thing absent is equitable representation of our Christian or religious heritage - and there are already several corruptions of it. That is why Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va., and the 107 other members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus recently sent a petition to the Architect of the Capitol. Their letter details and documents some of the incomplete and inaccurate religious content in the Capitol Visitor Center. Some of the 19 omissions and inaccuracies also can be seen on a YouTube posting by Sen.

Jim DeMint, R-S.C., called "War on God."

Thanks to their passion and diligence, Rep. Forbes' office recently informed the public of some good news: "The Committee on House Administration and the Senate Rules

and Administration Committee - have acknowledged this important part of our nation's history and have agreed to correct the omission of historical religious content in the Capitol Visitor Center.'

The news release "Thc also notes: Committee on House Administration and the Senate Rules and Administration

Committee have agreed to the following changes to the Capitol Visitor Center:

"That the phrase 'Our Nation's Motto' be removed from the plaque describing the engraving of E Pluribus Unum;

"That 'In God We Trust' be engraved in stone in a prominent location within the Capitol Visitor Center and that the panel describing the engraving include the proper recognition of this phrase as our national motto; "That the Pledge of Allegiance be engraved in stone in a prominent location within the Capitol Visitor Center.

on House Administration have agreed to the research and development of a permanent religious history display, and have agreed to make every effort to ensure that the display is erected in the Capitol Visitor Center as soon as possible.



the public as if these religious facts have been included all along, when Rep. Forbes and the 107 other members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus know otherwise, and now you do, 100.

References to religion and faith are, in fact, included in the context of several historic exhibits and several religious items appear in the displays. Some examples include Article 5 of

And that is why the country's electricity supply is threatened.

At some point, better sooner than later, that state of affairs must change.

The Paducah Sun

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#### beyond the **Deltway Congress** may be worse than Bush

#### by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

To supporters of John McCain who watched last week's debate: Your man was great. So knowledgeable, so feisty. He killed that wimp Obama, didn't he? To supporters of Barack Obama: It's all over but the shouting, baby. Barack took it to McCain and made him look like an old guy who stands on street corners, yelling at people.

The point I'm making here is that people tend to see what they want in a presidential debate. People who like McCain, like McCain. Same with Obama. It's the people, in the ever-shrinking middle who decide these things, however, and they kind of let a debate wash over them, squint their eyes and try to decide who looks more like a president. On that basis, I think Obama wins hands down. He comes off young and smart and calm, ready to lead from Day One. My kind of president.

McCain comes off as an old man, badly used by the years, who's looking for a fight. Not ready to lead on Day One and maybe not around for Day 101. But that's just me. You have to find your own president. Good luck. Better luck, at least, than you had last time when you picked George (The Decider) Bush, That mistake just keeps on giving.

President Bush's approval ratings are now officially lower than a snake's belly, as we say in Texas. The

"In addition, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee

the Northwest Ordinance in its entirety; a copy of the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer said at the opening of the current Congress; a copy of the Bible used to administer the oath of office to Senators until 1882; portraits of the first House and Senate chap-

(See NORRIS, page six)

we had to shore up our

became public, it

had the most projects

funded, more than 100.

Not New York, not

Washington, neither

Angeles — places that

might actually be ter-

rorist targets - but

good old Republican

When the figures

latest polls say about 25 percent of the public think he's doing a good job. (And don't you wonder who those people are? You don't see them walking around during the daytime.)

Interestingly enough Congress's approval rating is even lower, less than 20 percent. There's a reason for that. It deserves to be.

Bush at least was able to recognize that we were facing an economic crisis of historic proportions and attempted to act. It was a pathetic attempt admittedly, but he tried.

Congress's first reaction was to stand there frozen, like a deer caught in the headlight of a locomotive. Then, as though on a delayed switch, it lurched into action. Of a kind.

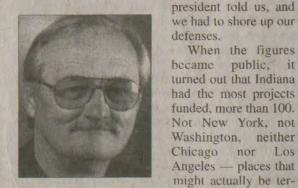
Facing the abyss, Congress was unable to throw a rescue line to the economy without first feeding the great Earmark god to the tune of more than \$100 million in special projects. Thus fortified, Congress was able to pass legislation to save the country, if indeed it does save the country.

Look, there's no question that some sort of bailout was necessary. When Paul Volker, Barney Frank, Warren Buffett, George W. Bush and the editor of "The Wall Street Journal's" editorial page all agree on something, it's probably the way to go. But, my God, did it have to be THIS bailout, one dripping with the afterbirth of greed?

What does it say about this country when even the most vital legislation must be accompanied by bribes to politicians facing election?

We saw the same thing when Homeland Security legislation passed out money to states for antiterrorist projects. We were at risk, the

defenses.



**Chuck Norris** 

**Donald Kaul** 

Indiana.

If I hadn't known the country was in trouble before then, that would have convinced me.

I blame the American people. They love carmarks, those unvetted projects that bring money and jobs into a congressional district or state. Oh they say they don't and they profess affection for the politicians who rail against them ("mavericks," I think the technical term for them is) but only after they get that nice little post office in the center of town.

As H.L. Mencken once wrote: "Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."

We seem to be getting it.

Donald Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-losing Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. Email him at dkaul2@earthlink.net.



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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.

What an inspiration Marcella Bailey had when she conceived the idea of Red, White, and Blue Day. But the greatest thing about it is-now it belongs to all who take part, and all are invited.

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Anybody got a double whammy to spare? The single job 1 tried on the Yankees isn't working.

#### THE BAD NEWS

· Just arrived-The Old Farmer's Almanac (its 187th anniversary edition), and now it's official; we're in for another hard winter. For the Greater Ohio Valley region, which includes Kentucky, the Almanac predicts:

"The winter will be notable for the frequency of the cold waves, from November through February, with those occurring from Christmas into the first week of January, from the last week of January through the first week of February, and the end of February being particularly severe. There will be an abundance of light, dry snow.

Is that all? No (it says here), after that, comes a mild March, and after mid-month, heavy rains will cause flooding.

After that-never mind, if we make it till then, we'll be ready for anything, and whatever befalls later should, short of an earth quake, come by way of relief. Still with the Almanac. It gives this helpful hint: To drive a nail without injuring



Franklin Stumbo, foreground, was one of two physical therapists from the United States that served on the medical team for the World's Strongest Man contest held in Charleston, WV.



by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

"This was a once in a lifetime was needed for these athletes along opportunity to work with such with managing injuries such as torn world class athletes that usually can biceps and calf muscles.'

### **MOVIES FROM** THE BLACK LAGOON **Wrong Turn 2:** Dead End'

#### by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

I'm going to start off here with a bold statement ... wait for it ... "Direct to video films will become the premiere venue for decent horror movies."

To prove my point, I'll submit this direct-to-DVD sequel that far surpasses the theatrical installment. The first film was actually terrible. Just another installment in

the "young adults go camping and run into a cannibalistic family" thriller genre. This sequel actually improves upon that premise (not a huge challenge I grant you). and offers at least one hero you can root for as well as



**Tom Doty Times Columnist** 

a more in-depth look at the villains and their customs.

It begins with a promising opening that finds a blond starlet cell-phoning her agent to complain about her reality show gig on "The Ultimate Survivor." The dangers of cradling a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle are graphically illustrated when she fails to brake for the shuffling mountain dude who crosses her path and winds up getting launched into the asphalt.

Here you get a modest surprise as she jumps out of her trendy sports car and appears genuinely concerned for her fellow man. Turns out to be her second mistake as the guy leaps from the ground and holds her steady so Pa can sneak up behind her and chop her in half. Meanwhile, the other contestants show up and meet the program's host, Dale Murphy, U.S. Marine Corps, retired. He's a macho loudmouth but also holds some surprises as he gets in the face of one guy when he makes a derogatory comment about the South. Turns out Dale is local and doesn't cotton to ignorant punks who espouse racist viewpoints on Appalachia. Besides earning points for his sensitivity, Dale becomes the only hope for the contestants when they get on the cannibals' radar. He may be retired but he also turns out to be as resourceful as Rambo and is soon boarding the mutant flesh-eaters in their own lair in an effort to save what's left(overs?) of his group after they have been captured. This one works because it hearkens back to the 1970s genre films in which anyone could die at any time. The lack of star power helps in that regard. The budget here is lower than the one they had for the original, but that's a good thing as the filmmakers give you more time with the villains. Some of that stuff is amazing. You get to observe their family structure, dining rituals and you even meet their normal grandfather - who explains that they were born deformed after their watershed was polluted from toxins generated at a wood mill. You

your fingers, place the nail between the teeth of a comb. (That one could provide me an excuse for carrying one.)

#### **BEFORE CURTAIN FALL**

I had a feeling when I sat down to write this, that I shouldn't mention this matter, but T shall. It is a bit trite, I know, to belabor a topic with which everybody is familiar, but to witness the blooming of these hills in a dying process that mystifies and . enthralls by its beauty, and remain silent is beyond me. For the next two weeks we are to enjoy what 1 think is the greatest show on earth. Wish I could keep the curtain from ringing down so soon.

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A local physical therapist was part of a special medical team that was selected to work with the competitors in the 2008 Met-Rx World's Man contest in Strongest Charleston, W.Va.

Franklin Stumbo, PT, CSCS, from East Kentucky Physical Therapy and Sports Clinic in Betsy Layne, was one of two physical therapists from the United States that served on the medical team, along with two massage therapists from England, and one physical from England. The team attended to the screening, care, and preparation of each athlete entering the compelition.

only be seen on ESPN," Stumbo said. "The entire event was a topnotch production with many wonderful people bringing the event together."

Stumbo compared the injuries that the competitors deal with to that of sports like football, but the massive size of those that compete in the World's Strongest Man contest makes treatment much differcnt.

"Medical wise the ailments and injuries these athletes experience are similar in some ways to other sports such as football but on a much larger body," Stumbo said. "A lot of hands on manual therapy

The World's Strongest Man contest began with 30 international competitors, narrowing down to 10 for the finals. More than 4,000 fans attended each day of the event, which is scheduled to air on ESPN December. Mariusz in Pudzianowski, a native of Poland, won the title for the second year in a row.

Stumbo, who has been practicing physical therapy for 11 years along with serving as an adjunct faculty member at Alice Lloyd College, said that he hopes to attend the 2009 World's Strongest Man contest to once again serve on the medical team.



### For Josie

by DOUG MANUEL "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR'S SOUL"

We are not confused - we know we are two separate people - man and wife. Yet when we met, when we married, when we had children and grandchildren, we knew that we were amused something existed between us, beyond us, that exists as a third entity - something each individual contributed to and could draw

And now we have cancer, know-

ing that one of us must fight an internal battle and one of us will tend the supply lines, knowing that the two of us arc onc, each afraid - each giving courage to the other, knowing we will endure.

1965 — Sir Francis Drake High School, San Anselmo, Calif.

Third date, basketball game at Terra Linda, the path from the parking lot to the gym blocked by a wire cable: We duck under the wire, reaching for each other's hand to steady ourselves, knowing yet not knowing the meaning of holding hands, surprised by the electricity, delighted by the simplicity, content in the rightness of such a simple act.

And we never let go - even to arrange fingers in a more comfortable arrangement, not even to appease the dean of women and rules against public displays of affection.

We held hands to exchange rings, to deliver two.children, to teach them to cross the street, to make a swing for grandchildren, as we walked one, two, three.

2001 — Swedish Medical Center, Seattle

Pre-op: I held her hand as she lay on the gurney waiting for Dr. Dawson. When he arrived, I let go of her hand and he took it in his and walked beside her, holding it.

Post-op: He told me many things. I asked questions, relieved and worried. I wrote them down, looked for hidden meanings, sifted through hopes and fears.

fine, detailed the required next

steps. Information swirled, yet I knew his meaning fully, and understood his gentle smile when he said, "I held her hand."

The Rapids: This turbulent river we travel on is not of our choos-

We were not heading in this direction when

we slammed into the first rock. Cancer — malignant. It took three doctors before we could even believe we had hit a rock. By then, we were

(See LAGOON, page six)

He explained that she would be upside-down, over the first falls, taking on water, spinning, gasping for breath.



requires presence of mind, especially when one is not sure what is up and what is down.

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### Everybody's Science: Bigger, prettier, tastier apples

#### by SANDY MILLER HAYS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

An apple a day may keep the doctor away...but what with environmental stresses, pests and other menaces, making sure there's an apple a day available is no simple feat. And we won't settle for any old apple; we want them to be big, shiny, colorful, and taste great.

Fortunately, the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have worked out a variety of novel methods to protect and improve those delectable fruits while they're still on the tree.

The latest innovation is sprayable reflective films that

of minerals. The ARS scientists conducted a three-year study in which these sprayable particle films were installed strategically in an orchard of Empire apple trees. The layer of mineral particles is so thin that it easily allows water and carbon dioxide to pass through to the apple surface.

In the experiments, the scientists applied an aluminized plastic film to the grass strip between some rows of apple trees. Elsewhere, they sprayed a particle-based reflective film on both the trees themselves and the grassy strip between the tree rows. For comparison, a third group of apple trees received neither of the treatments.

The good news is that the contain microscopic particles use of the aluminized plastic

film between the tree rows consistently improved the color of the apples, and the sprayable particle film boosted the apples' red color in two of the three years of the study. When the sprayable particle film was applied to the grass between the tree rows, average fruit weight increased in all years of the study, compared to the untreated trees and those that only had the aluminized plastic film on the grass.

This may sound like magic, but the scientists think they know what's going on. The mechanism responsible for the increased fruit weight with the particle film treatment may be the altered light quality that's reflected onto the fruit. This reflected light has enhanced far-red radiation, which may have beneficial effects on both the fruit color and the fruit weight. The particle film also reduces heat stress and water stress in the plants, and improves their production efficiency.

A few years back, the ARS scientists at that same lab in West Virginia experimented with spraying fruit trees with a white, reflective coating of a specially processed type of clay called kaolin. One of the pluses of that treatment was that it prevented sunburn on the apples in hot climates. That sunburn damage creates a tempting environment for microorganisms that can rot the fruit.

Other benefits of the clay coating included serving as a matrix to hold chemicals on the plant or soil and get more even distribution-and thus perhaps be able to cut down on

#### Norris

lains; information about religious services regularly held in the Capitol in the 1800s, and an unaltered display of the U.S. Constitution highlighting the First Amendment which established our country's right to the freedom of religion."

That's a good start, but I believe we, the people, need to help keep the pressure on these officials to assure these revisionist rectifications and equitable representation of America's religious heritage - not just token artifacts. We also must stop the whitewashing of our religious history from taking one more step. We must preserve the fact that our Founders weren't creating a secular state but a sectarianfree state — and there is a huge difference. With some 15,000 expected guests daily, including thousands of children and students from across America, it is also our duty to safeguard our Capitol's religious history in the Capitol Visitor Center. That is why I am encouraging Americans to write or call the Architect of the Capitol's comthe amount of active chemical of produce-not just one here ingredient required in the treatment.

In terms of sheer innovation, my personal favorite is still the technique for "tasting" apples with a laser. ARS scientists have worked with the produce industry on "machine vision" tools that can predict the flavor of a fruit or veggie without ever touching the producé.

Typically, produce is checked through "sample tastings," but there's no guarantee that all the apples passing by on the conveyor belt have the same quality as the one that's tasted. Samples are tested for firmness by poking them with a thick steel probe, but that leaves the sampled produce unmarketable. So ARS scientists in Michigan developed machine vision prototypes that can "taste" every single piece

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believed in the premise stated

in Psalm 33:12: "Blessed is the

nation whose God is the Lord."

But what would they have

thought of a nation that

removes God from its heritage,

classroom instructions, civic

ceremonies, buildings, monu-

ments, historic sites, etc.? I

believe the words of Thomas

Jefferson are as fitting for reli-

gious apostasy as they were for

slavery; words that are

inscribed upon his memorial in

America's

Fathers

or there—as it passes by on the packing line.

How does it work? The detector focuses four laser beams, each a different light wavelength, into one sharp beam that shines on the individual fruits. Laser light photons momentarily scatter all the way to the fruit's core and back. The amount of light bounced back after interacting with the tissue reflects the fruit's firmness.

Since scattered light also indicates the amount of light absorbed by the fruit, and that absorption is affected by sugar levels in the fruit, this technology can also be used to predict flavors such as sweetness in apples.

So thanks to those ARS scientists, there's a way to tell if an apple's beauty really is only skin deep!

Washington: "And can the lib-

erties of a nation be thought

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#### Lagoon

also get to observe their mating, hunting and self-gratification habits, but less said about them the better.

This one also benefits from great special effects, which illustrate the deadliness of common wood mill tools such as dynamite and industrial

that and you also get a terrific turn by "Black Flag" frontman Henry Rollins, as the hard bitten Murphy.

Direct-to-video is losing the stink that guys like Stephen Seagal and Jean-Claude Van Damme left on it and it's proving to be the only strength pulping machines. All place where you can experi-

ence seat-of-vour-pants thrills that don't have to worry about appealing to the masses by watering down their action

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until it's a PG-13 snooze fest. Best line: "They killed Mara and tied her to the roof of their truck."

2007, unrated.

#### Soup

For the moment, we have righted the boat and are learning to paddle, know we are on the river, aware there is rough water still ahead, and there are people both on the bank and in the water to offer help and believe we will make it.

We will make this river our river.

Cancerland: We unfold the game board as one opens a fortune cookie hoping to discern the future. As much as we watch, cancer always makes the first move and catches us by surprise. We ask the experts: What are the rules? They tell of statistics, survival rates, possible outcomes, risks, but still, we must roll the dice,

count out the spaces, slide into despair, climb upward in hope. One must wait one's turn

for treatment, must wait to learn the results of tests. Blood counts fluctuate. Side effects accumulate like so much debt. Must wait years to know for sure, years of worry and dread.

ple games. Primary colors. Rewards came quickly, defeats forgotten easily.

children games to pass the time. Taught them to follow the rules: Win or lose, we could always play again.

As grandparents, we understand the rules are unknowable, that time passes of its

own accord, that this game is

As children, we played sim-

As parents, we taught our

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serious, and our best might not be good enough. Yet we start each day, stubborn, ready to

compete. Radiation: Fiat lux.

As children on a bright day we would hold a magnifying glass to catch the sun's rays, focusing the circle of light on a piece of paper into one point of intensity until the spot scorched, smoldered, flamed and burned.

Now machines focus unseen energy on those cancer cells that may have escaped the surgeon's dissection, the chemotherapy's poison. Let there be light.

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Let there be life.

#### secure when we have removed 1793) and also their representheir only firm basis, a convictatives to voice their opinions. Founding tion in the minds of the people wholeheartedly

that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep for ever."

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### National champion Pikeville College bowlers receive title rings

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#### Lady Bears own own two national championships

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The final celebration of the Pikeville College women's bowling national championship last April culminated with the team receiving their champifootball game.

Pikeville won the 2008 USBC Collegiate women's championship last April 19 when it knocked off top-Wichita State ranked University by scores of 184-171 and 183-158 in Wichita. The title marked the second won by the women's bowling team, following their 2004 championship in Tulsa, Okla. That title also came at the expense of Wichita State.

"We're very excited about our championship and are pleased to get to share it with

Damron. "We were honored to represent Pikeville and Pikeville College in the national tournament and hope our fans are as happy for us as we were to represent them."

The women's bowling program ranks boasts some of Pikeville College's leading student-athletes. Damron has helped to build the program into a national power.

In addition to the rings, District 94th State Representative Leslie Combs presented each member of

naming them Kentucky Colonels

ports

The 2008 championship ended an eventful week for the Lady Bears. Pikeville entered the tournament ranked second in the coaches poll and third in the writers ratings. In its run to the championship, the Lady Bears defeated No. 4 Lindenwood, the other 2/3 in Central Florida and finally top-ranked Wichita State. And, for good measure, it Maryland knocked off Eastern-Shore, which won

onship rings during a recent our fans," said Coach Ron the team with certificates the 2008 NCAA national title one week earlier in St. Louis

The win capped an eventful week in Wichita for the Lady Bears, who had both the national player of the year in senior Kayla Bandy - for the second straight year — and rookie of the year in freshman Ashley Galante. Both were named first-team All-Americans, while teammate Jennifer Wright was named to the second team.

With this year's championship, every young lady

who has spent four years as a part of Ron Damron's program has won a national title

While eight members of the team participated in the tournament, all 21 of the players received rings and were named Kentucky Colonels. The Pikeville College women's bowling program has enjoyed stability since its inception. Student-athletes who have competed in the program have hailed from various states.

#### Bears picked sixth in MSC preseason poll by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - The Georgetown College men's basketball team is the Mid-South Conference preseason favorite in 2008-09, according to the conference coaches' preseason poll. Pikeville College, under the guidance of head coach Kelly Wells, claimed the fourth-place spot in the preseason poll.

The Tigers received 35 points, including five first place votes. Veteran head coach Happy Osborne guides the Georgetown College Tigers. University of the Cumberlands is projected to finished second with 30 points, including the final two first place votes. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

Georgetown won the regular season and conference tournament championships last season. The Tigers have won or shared the MSC regular season title in each of the last seven seasons.





#### State bull elk record could fall TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's 2008 bull elk firearms quota hunt ended Oct. 11, with hunters taking 115 bulls in the southeastern part of the state.

"Hunters had an 88 percent success rate, and most of those bulls were taken within the first four days of the season. This level of success is outstanding," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It would not be possible without the hard work of our biologists and officers in the elk zone. Most of our hunters at some point speak to a Fish and Wildlife employee, who gives them information on where to hunt, both public and private land."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife issued 131 bull elk tags this year, including regular lottery drawings, landowner permits, special Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission conservation permits and one youth tag. Kentucky's elk herd now numbers about 8,500 animals.

This year, the department divided the 16-county elk restoration zone into six Elk Hunting Units (EHUs), hoping to spread out hunt-

Campbellsville University is projected third with 30 points and Pikeville College is predicted to finish fourth with 23 points.

Lindsey Wilson College (16 points), St. Catharine College (9) and West Virginia Institute of University Technology (8) complete the coaches' preseason picks.

The Mid-South Conference schedule will tip off January 15, 2009.

Herrick earns. medalist honor at Triton Invitational

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. -Bellarmine University junior Herrick Brooks (Prestonsburg/Prestonsburg HS) fired a 6-under par 138 to capture his first collegiate individual championship Tuesday. The Prestonsburg High School graduate led the Knights to a tie for first at the Triton Invitational golf tournament hosted by University of Missouri-St. Louis.

As a team, Bellarmine posted rounds of 282 (-6) and 296 (+8) to finish in a tie with Wisconsin-Parkside. (The Rangers won a playoff, but for official records the tournament is considered a tie.)

Herrick posted rounds of 68 and 70 to win by four shots over Northern Kentucky's Danny Lewis. Herrick credited his stellar play to putting.

"I hit some pretty bad shots on the first day but made key par putts that allowed me to score well," said Herrick. "(On Tuesday) I just played a really solid round of golf and didn't have an opportunity to make any big scores.

Senior Kyle Leach finished fourth with his one-under score of 143. All five Bellarmine golfers finished in the top 25. Nick Becht shot 151 to tie for 21st, and Doug Wilkinson and Kyle Gillen both shot 152 to tie for 23rd.



#### UK women's team holds first practice of preseason

Gray must sit out upcoming season per NCAA transfer rule

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky University women's basketball team held its first practice of the 2008-09 season on Friday on the women's court in the Joe Craft Center.

The University of Kentucky women's basketball program remains headed in the right direction following the head coaching change.

Head coach Matthew Mitchell enters his second season at UK and welcomes back 10 letter winners from last year's squad, including All-Southeastern

Belfry 56,

Bell County 48,

Sheldon Clark 0

Conference performers Victoria Dunlap (Nashville, Tenn.), Carly Ormerod (Louisville), and Amber Smith (Winter Haven, Fla.). Three new faces were added to the roster in Rebecca Gray (Georgetown), Jackie Sanders (Birmingham, Ala.), and Keyla Snowden (Lexington). Gray and Snowden will sit out the 2008-09 season due to NCAA transfer rules. Gray is a Floyd County native. She transferred in from North Carolina. As a freshman at North Carolina, Gray helped to lead her team to a ranking as one of the nation's best. The former Miss Basketball ranks as one of the best Kentucky high school girls' basketball players of all-time. Her family ties lead back to Floyd County. Many family members still reside in Floyd County.

The Wildcats took the practice floor and started preparations for another challenging SEC slate. Last season, Mitchell guided UK to a fourth-place finish in the league with an overall mark of 8-6, the most SEC wins by a first-year head coach in school history. The Wildcats overcame injuries to key players (five different players missed a total of 50 games) and navigated their way through one of the nation's toughest schedules (14th) to post their fourth consecutive winning season. Along the way, the Cats earned three wins against nationally ranked opponents (Georgia twice and Auburn) and a school-record five Wildcats earned postseason honors.

"We are extremely excited to begin practice because this is one of those fun days we've been working so hard for and we can hardly believe it's actually here,' Mitchell said. "Our players have put in a lot of work to

prepare for this day and I feel this team has the opportunity to be very special.

The Wildcats will face 17 opponents that participated in postseason play last year, including five conference champions and four runner-Twelve ups. squads advanced to the NCAA Tournament and five appeared in the WNIT. The Cats will once again meet NCAA Champion Tennessee and Final Four participant LSU in a home-and-home series. UK also will meet four first-time opponents in Furman, Alabama A&M, UC Santa Barbara and Yale.

The Kentucky women's basketball season will begin with two free exhibition games on Nov. 5 vs. Kentucky State (7 p.m.) and Nov. 9 vs. Bellarmine (2 p.m.). UK Hoops' season opener is Saturday, Nov. 15 vs. Michigan. All homes games will be played in Memorial Coliseum.

ing pressure and provide hunters with a high chance of success. "It seemed to achieve that. I was

impressed with how quickly everybody seemed to adapt to the EHU system," Brunjes said. "The harvest numbers everyone had in the first few days across the units is a good indicator that people are finding access in different places."

At least two hunter-harvested bulls received preliminary scores that challenge Kentucky's current state record for a non-typical elk. An 8x8 bull elk taken in Knott County on opening day by Larry Holland of Perry County green-scored in the 390 class in the Boone and Crockett Club scoring system.

"I killed it about two miles from where I was born and raised," said Holland, who took the elk at 242 yards with one shot from his .300 Winchester Short Magnum rifle, "I was just excited to kill the bull - it wasn't about the size. To possibly have the state record, I'm thrilled."

Clay County's Kelvin Jackson also took a 7x8 bull in Harlan County, which green-scored in the 370 class. Both of these preliminary scores are higher than the current non-typical state record of 349 0/8 held by Andy Kidd of McCreary County. However, official scoring cannot take place for 60 days after the animal is taken, during which time the antlers may shrink slightly due to drying.

"We saw a lot of 320-class bulls come in, fairly young bulls," said Brunjes. "That's a good indication that they're getting a lot of good nutrition and shows a lot of potential to get really big as they get older."

Department officials have not received notification that any typical bull elk taken by a hunter this year might challenge the current state record of 371 0/8, held by Greg Neff of Kenton County. However, some large bulls may not have been reported, and archery season for bull elk continues through Jan. 19, 2009. Kentucky's cow elk firearms season runs Dec. 13-26.

Elk lottery applications for the 2009-10 quota hunts go on sale beginning Dec. 1. Hunters have until April 30, 2009 to purchase one of the \$10 applications. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife awarded 402 elk tags this year through the lottery system, and will issue more for next year's hunt as the elk population increases.

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Johnson Central 55, Hazard 17

Knott County Central 60, South Floyd 14 Phelps 6, Jenkins 0

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#### Lady Bears listed fifth in preseason conference poll

#### by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - Bill Watson-coached Pikeville College will enter the 2008-09 season ranked fifth in the talent-heavy Mid-South The Conference. College Georgetown women's basketball team is the Mid-South Conference preseason favorite in 200809, according to the conference coaches' preseason poll released earlier in the week.

Georgetown received 33 points and five first place. votes to earn the top spot. University of the Cumberlands is predicted to finish second in the Mid-South with 32 points, including the final two first place votes. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own

team.

Georgetown captured the Conference Mid-South Tournament championship last season after finishing a game behind regular season co-champions Cumberlands and Lindsey Wilson College. Lindsey Wilson edged

Campbellsville out University for third in the preseason poll. The Blue Raiders received 25 points,

Campbellsville while received 24 points.

Pikeville College is predicted to finish fifth after receiving 14 points and West Virginia University Institute of Technology (10 points) and St. Catharine College (9) complete the coaches' preseason picks.

Mid-South The Conference schedule will tip off January 15, 2009.

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#### THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

### Pearl: Young Vols will compete for SEC championship

#### by BETH RUCKER ASSOCIATED PRESS

. KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Volunteers have replaced five of their top nine scorers from last season with five true freshmen, a redshirt freshman and a junior college

So it's a rebuilding year. right?

"We're going to compete for the SEC championship," coach Bruce Pearl said Tuesday at the team's annual media day

That's a pretty bold statement about a team that Pearl said is the youngest he's ever coached, but the SEC coach of the year said he likes the depth, athleticism, commitment to training and attitude that his 2008-09 team has.

The Vols won their first outright SEC championship in four decades last season, earned their first No. 1 ranking and Tinished with a record 31 wins and only five losses thanks to the play of shooting guards Chris Lofton and JaJuan Smith.

But Lotton, the SEC's all-time 3-point shooter and Tennessee's top scorer last season, and Smith, the Vols' second top scorer, are gone.

"Who's responsibility is it going to be to replace Chris and JaJuan?" Pearl said. "You might look at the new guys being your obvious choices ... but it's really going to be Josh Tabb and J.P. Prince and the guys that return that are going to have to handle that "

Tabb and Prince, both junior guards, join forwards Wayne Chism and Tyler Smith as the guys Pearl is looking to help the young players transition into his high-tempo and aggres-

"Last year we had Chris and JaJuan, but I stayed in the shadows just learning from those guys, trying to see what it takes to make it to where they are, to put this program where it is now. I think I'm going to be ready to take on a leadership role," said Tyler Smith, who chose not to enter the NBA draft this year even after averaging 13.6 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game.

Practice opened Friday. Pearl is looking to his freshmen Scotty Hopson, Philip Jurick, Emmanuel Negedu, Daniel West and Renaldo Woolridge - and junior college transfer Bobby Maze to determine the roles they will play for his team

"Since we just came from high school it's real different, but we're learning real quickly with help from some of the older guys," Woolridge said.

There's an immediate need for a starting point guard as Ramar Smith was dismissed from the team at the end of last season for unspecified problems.

Prince started his first game at the point in the NCAA tournament's second round after Ramar Smith was benched for poor play. That doesn't guarantee him the starter position this season with competition from Maze, who averaged 20.7 points, 6.8 assists and 1.7 steals per game last season for Hutchinson Community College, and West, who led his high got to overcome with the school team to a state championship.

Pearl said his players immersed themselves in offseason training and became stronger and faster. The new players add additional height to the squad, and the coach expects his team to have a stronger inside presence than its had in recent years.

Because of the inexperience of so many players, the Vols have a long way to go before they get there and before they earn the right to contend for another SEC title.

complished more in this fall than any team I've

#### Meeks healthy, happy to be back for Wildcats

#### by WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - The suits are nice, clean and carefully hung in the back of Jodie Meeks' closet.

As good as the Kentucky guard bashfully admits he looks in the fancy duds, Meeks would rather keep them tucked away.

"Maybe I can wear'em at the banquet at the end of the season," Meeks said.

Beats the alternative, a lesson Meeks learned during an injury plagued sophomore season in which he spent most of his time nattily clad at the end of bench watching Kentucky endure a roller. coaster year under new head coach Billy Gillispic.

A stress fracture in his pelvis sidelined Kentucky's best shooter for six games. He managed to return briefly before a strained hip flexor and a sports hernia ended his season, turning him into a spectator as Kentucky went 18-13, losing to Marquette in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

for a player who had never been seriously injured since first picking up a basketball at age 3. He had surgery in April to fix the hernia and spent two long months trying to heal up and wondering if the explosiveness and shooting touch he showcased during his breakout freshman year - when he averaged 8.7 points and shot 90 percent from the free-throw line would return.

"There was always doubts," Meeks said.

Consider them gone, at least in the eyes of Gillispic, who didn't rule, out using Meeks as a point guard, a position he hasn't played since high school,

"I think he's going to have a fantastic year and I wouldn't put any limits on him in any respect," Gillispie said. "I just expect a humongous year from him based on what I've seen so far and we're not going to limit him in any way.

If the Wildcats want to find someone to help replace the production and leadership

It wasn't fun, particularly left by the graduation of stars Kentucky basketball. He's Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford - who combined for 34 points and nearly all the big shots last year -Gillispie would be wise to let Meeks let it fly.

> Meeks shrugs when asked if the longer 3-point line will affect his shot. Truth is, he doesn't usually see the line anyway. He can regularly pull up from 25-feet, and most of his teammates have been on the wrong end of one of his "heat checks" - basketball code for taking otherwise illadvised shot just to see how hot you really arc.

"I usually end up guarding him in pickup games, and 1 like to think I'm a good defender, but there are times when he just puts it up so quickly and from so far out, you just don't have a shot," said guard Michael Porter. "You know he can put it up from anywhere and you think you're ready and you're not."

Yet Meeks knows he'll have to be more than a spotup shooter for the Wildcats to win their first SEC East title in four years - a lifetime in

tried to become a better defender and more adept at creating his own shot.

"I think shooting, I've handled that pretty well but I've been working on my ballhandling and slashing, trying to be a better allaround player," he said.

Gillispie is hoping Meeks will make strides off the court and help fill some of the leadership vacuum left by Crawford and Bradley's departure. Meeks is rooming with sophomore star Patrick Patterson this year, and the two have tried to help their new teammates - a whopping 11 in all - make the transition to life under one of college basketball's most exacting microscopes.

"I think they're talking a lot about leading this team and leading it in the right direction and understanding the responsibility of leadership," Gillispic said. "It's not only when things are going bad or while things are going good. It's a 24-hour-a-day job and they're carrying it out."

### Pitino: U of L hungry for another Final Four trip

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - At first glance, Louisville big men Samardo Samuels and Terrence Jennings hardly look like freshmen.

Good thing.

If the Cardinals are to reach the lofty goals set for them by coach Rick Pitino, their precocious big men are going to have to play with a maturity beyond their years.

"Freshmen are freshmen," Pitino said Tuesday. "They physically look like juniors, but they play like freshmen. So it's something that we've strength of the other eight guys.

Luckily for Pitino, there's plenty of strength to go around. Louisville returns four starters from last year's 27-9 team, which reached the regional final and finished No.

6 in the final rankings. While country Pitino allows this team may be the most gifted he's had since coming to Louisville in 2001, he's not ready to say it's as good as the 2005 team that went to the Final Four.

"It's the deepest team and the most athletic team," Pitinosaid. "Whether they're as good as 2005, 2005 was a great passing team, great shooting team and they understood how to play the game. Anytime you have two freshmen that are going to play as significant as the two centers, there are still some question marks."

There won't be a lot of time for Pitino to get his questions He answered. called Louisville's schedule - which includes nonconference games against Kentucky, UNLV, Western Minnesota and Kentucky as well as 18 games in the typically brutal Big East — as difficult as any in the

"I don't think I've ever seen a conference this strong as long as I've been coaching basketball," Pitino said. "You have seven teams in the Top 20, maybe three or four in the Top 10 ... plus another three or four that wouldn't surprise me if they were ranked this year."

Yct Pitino remains confident the Cardinals can compete, thanks in part to a couple of field trips the players took over the summer to NBA camps

"The thing they were most amazed at were the drive and the passion that (Kevin) Garnett had with the Celtics," Pitino said. "That's the thing that stuck out the most going to the practices. Here's a guy coming off a championship and the reason he was so hungry is he felt success and how good it made him feel."

It's a feeling the Cardinals

had, if only briefly, during their deep run into the NCAA tournament last spring. One that Pitino thinks will propel them this season.

"We had to climb an awful big mountain (last ycar) and finishing the way we did was very rewarding and the guys got a nice taste of what glory mcans," Pitino said.

So much so that senior guard Andre McGee had a request during the end of a tipoff luncheon on Tuesday. After thanking fans for their support the last three years, McGee said he's hoping they'll take some time in the spring to show off a national title.

"Times are tough, but I'm hoping you can join us so we can have a parade in early April (downtown) celebrating a championship," he said.

coached. We've made more progress, but we've had farther to go than any team I've coached," Pearl said. "I think it's important to understand what needs to be done in the next two or three weeks as we work to try to get there.'





file photos SOUTH FLOYD'S SENIOR RUNNING BACK DUO Tyler Mitchell (10) and Kyle Howell (44) led the Raiders during the first half of the regular-season. Mitchell suffered an injury just over two weeks ago. He is expected to star for the South Floyd baseball team in the spring.

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### Basketball, volleyball greats elected to MSU Hall of Fame

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Two individuals who made outstanding contributions to Eagle athletics will be inducted into the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame during the MSU-Valparaiso football game on Nov. 1. The game kicks off at 1 p.m. EST, and the newest members of the Hall of Fame will be honored at halftime. The newest members of the Hall of Fame are Willie "Hobo" Jackson (basketball) and Lauren Mackey Rust (volleyball).

Jackson was a three-year starter and letterman (1966-69) for the Eagles at a time when freshman were not eligible to play varsity competition. He is commonly regarded as one of the most outstanding athletes to ever play basketball for the Blue and Gold. MSU's record during his three varsity years was 46-26, and the Eagles were Ohio Valley Conference cochampions his senior season.

He scored 1,049 points and still ranks 23rd on MSU's alltime scoring list. His 16.9 point average in 1968-69 was tops on the squad. Jackson had 793 career rebounds and still ranks ninth on MSU's all-time rebound list.

Jackson and three other natives of Birmingham, Ala., Lamar Green, Bruce King and Howard Smith, were among the early African-American basketball players at MSU and in the OVC. They were known as the "Birmingham Four" and led Eagle basketball to much success in the 1960's.

Rust is one of the most honored volleyball student-athletes in the history of Eagle volleyball. She was a four-year starter and letterwinner (1995-98) who earned First Team AllOhio Valley Conference honors three times, Second Team All-OVC once and All-OVC Tournament once. Rust is the all-time conference leader in kills and ranks in the top 25 alltime nationally in that category.

She holds MSU career and single-season records for kills in total attacks and led the team in those categories for four consecutive seasons. Rust was an Academic All-District selection and was one of 30 student-athletes to be selected for the NCAA's National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Weekend game can be purchased in advance at the MSU ticket office in the Academic-Athletic Center or at the Jayne Stadium ticket windows on game day.

All inductees into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame (by sport/category and with year of induction) follow.

Baseball: Jim Brockman (1996); Homer Cablish (2006); Charles Dudley Caudill (1988); Mike Collins (2001); Denny Doyle (1989); Mike Ishmael (2007); Drew Hall (2007); Jody Hamilton (1991); Reese Stephenson (1997);

Leston Stewart (1990); Walt Terrell (1994).

Basketball (Men's): John "Sonny" Allen (1985); Doug Bentz (2007); Lawrence Carter (1994); Paul "Mouse" Combs (2000); Warren Cooper (1985); Leonard Coulter (1985); Jim Day (1996); Earl Duncan (1985);

Ron Gathright (1993); Steve Hamilton (1985); Ted Hundley (1997); Willie "Hobo" Jackson (2008); Robert "Bobby" Laughlin, Coach (1985); Eugene Lyons (2006); Wayne Martin, Coach (1995); Bob McCann (2004); Glenn Napier (2006); Ed Noe (2003); Luster

Pokley (1993); Brett Roberts (2002); Harold Sergent (1985); Herbie Stamper (1990); Dan Swartz (1985); Henderson "Heckie" Thompson (1991);

Howard Wallen (2005); Myron "Granny" Williams (1992).

Basketball (Women's): Connie Appleman (1998); Priscilla Blackford (2003);

Donna Stephens Hedges (1991); Julie Magrane Muntz (2003); Donna Murphy (1990); Robin Harmon Newsome (2000); Bcv Smith (2006);

Kelly Stamper (2000); Irene Moore Strong (2004); Mickey Wells, Coach (1995).

Football: Paul Adams (1985); Roy Bailey (1995); Robert "Bushog" Brashear (1997); John Christopher (1993); Claude Clayton (1998); Dan Gooch (2000); Mike Gottfried (2000); Tommy Gray (1986); Marion "Frenchy" Hammonds (1990); Dave Haverdick (1985); John High (2000); John "Buck" Horton (1985); Gordon Stewart "Corky" Kirtley (1988); Mark Ledford (1995); Joe Lustic (1985); Lawrence "Lott" Marzetti (1993); Keith Mescher (1997); Howard Murphy (1990); Guy Penny (1989); Billy Poe (1998);

Charles "Izzy" Porter (1986); Stanley Radjunas (1985); Custer Reynolds (1988); Frank Robertson (1994); Louis Rogan (1994); TeBay Rose (1991); Don Russell (1996); Tom Scott (2000); Phil Simms (1995); Jack Smith (1998); Glendon Stanley (1996); Chris Swartz (2002); Beverly "Jug" Varney (1992); Jarrell Vinson (2000); Workman (1991); Larry Vincent "Moose" Zachem (1985).Golf:

"Lus" Oxley (1995); Norm (1997); Mike Brumfield (2005); Eddie Mudd (1996); Bill Spannuth (1992).

> Soccer (Men's): Dr. Mohammed Sabie, Coach (2000).

Softball: Ashli White Childers (2007).

Tennis (Women's): Sally-Anne Birch (2004).

Track and Field/Cross Country (Men's): Marshall Banks (1987); A.L. "Buck" Dawson, Coach (2001); Carl Deaton (1994); Dr. Nolan Fowler, Coach (1993); Chester Greene (2000); Bobby Jones (1992); Ed Wells (2005).

Track and Field/Cross Country (Women's): Hopey Caudill Newkirk (2001).

Laradean Volleyball: Brown, Coach (1998); Melissa Blanford Cochran (2002); Suc Caulkins Sharp (1996); Dayle Hamontree Harms (2001);

Lauren Mackey Rust (2008); Martha Rust Sizemore (1994).

Multiple Sports; Dr. Rex Chancy, Coach - Baschall, Golf (2000); Debbie Ames Coppin -Women's Basketball, Volleyball (1987); Hubert Counts - Football, Men's Basketball, Baseball (1998); George D. Downing, Coach -Football, Men's Basketball, Baseball (1986); Lawrence Fralcy - Football, Mcn's Basketball, Baseball (1985); Carl "Corky" Howerton, Football, Men's Basketball's Basketball; Ellis T. Johnson, Coach - Football, Men's Basketball (1985); Len Miller, Coach - Football, Mcn's Basketball (1985); William "Cap" Scroggin, Coach (1987).

Other Categories: Dr. Adron Doran, President (1997); Terry Jacobs, Contributor/Friend (2007); Gordon "Red" Moore, Media (1992).

Charlie Bowles

#### Bengals back andard S C

#### by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - When it comes to the perfectly futile start, nobody beats the Cincinnati Bengals.

They're back at the bottom of the NFL with an 0-6 record. Only one other team - 0-5 Detroit — has yet to win a game in a league where it's very difficult to go so long without so much as one victory.

"It's just frustrating," said quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, who was the team's leading rusher Sunday in a 26-14 loss to the Jets. "Everyone in here wants to win so bad.'

Wanting to win and getting a win are two very different things in Cincinnati, where the season-scuttling start is no stranger. The Bengals have been here many times before.

Since franchise founder Paul Brown died before the ,1991 season, the Bengals have started a season with six losses far more times than any other team. It's the sixth time in those ,18 years that they've done it.

The Bengals also had notable 0-for starts in 1991 under coach Sam Wyche (0-8), in 1993 under Dave Shula (0-10), again in 1994 under Shula

(0-8), in 2000 under Bruce Coslet, who quit halfway through an 0-6 start, and in 2002 under Dick LeBeau (0-7). Now, Marvin Lewis joins the list of Bengals coaches who have presided over the type of start seldom experienced in the NFL. Since 1991, only 21 times has a team opened the season by losing its first six game. The Bengals have six of those; no other team has more

than two. In the NFL, the Bengals are still the standard for misery.

"Everybody wants to win, and I'm sorry they're disappointed," Lewis said Monday, referring to long-suffering fans. "So am I. But unfortunately, that's where we are right now. But hang on. They could see something special here."

Special? What they're seeing is familiar.

The constant through all the losing is owner Mike Brown, who took over when his father died and has run the front office through one of the deepest stretches of futility in league history. The Bengals have only one winning record since he became the de facto general manager in 1991.

Successful teams develop an identity and acquire players Henry has caught one pass for Bengals get back to running the

who fit the mold. The Bengals haven't maintained an identity or a course for very long during the last 18 years. Often, the roster moves don't add up.

With receiver Chris Henry released following his latest arrest and Chad Ocho Cinco threatening to hold out last April, the Bengals decided to load up on receivers early in the draft. They got Jerome Simpson from Coastal Carolina in the second round and Andre Caldwell from Florida in the third.

Neither rookie is playing. Simpson got into three games, but hasn't caught a pass. Caldwell missed two games with a foot injury and has yet to get on the field. Brown's decision to bring back Henry over the head coach's objection - makes it casier for the two high draft picks to, get lost in the shuffle.

In two games since return-

13 yards. offense

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Lewis tried to set a course in in it." ing from his latest suspension, the offseason by insisting the

Problems permeate the Carson Palmer's passing to Ocho Cinco and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, a pair of Pro Bowl receivers. Instead, the running game has

> disintegrated. Fitzpatrick has filled in twice while recovers Palmer from an injured passing clbow, and wound up as the team's leading rusher in both games. He and Palmer are second and third. respectively, in the team's rushing statistics — a very had sign.

The offensive line got pushed around by the Jets, who limited Chris Perry to 14 yards on 11 carries. The Bengals ran for 43 yards on 21 tries. "It's also demoralizing offensively," Palmer said. "We need to find a way to keep our spirits up and keep our heads

That sure sounds familiar. During the other bad starts,

ball instead of relying on different groups of Bengals players learned what it's like to see a season snuffed out after a half-dozen games. Offensive lineman John Jackson 'signed with his hometown team in 2000 after glorious years in Pittsburgh, only to learn that one person can't make much of a difference when things start going bad in Cincinnati.

"I've aged since I came here," he said at the time. "I don't take losing lightly. I don't accept it. That's not me. I'm surprised some of these guys aren't insanc. I've only been here for one year. Some of these guys have been here for their whole career. I wonder why half the team's not going to a psychiatrist."

The bad days are back again.

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### Steelers, with 3 starters back, getting healthier

#### by ALAN ROBINSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH - Steelers coach Mike Tomlin's weekly news conference Tuesday was different from any previous one this season. He didn't spend the first five minutes reciting what formerly was one of the NFL's longest injury lists.

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Running back Willie Parker, defensive end Brett Keisel and nose tackle Casey Hampton are expected to play Sunday against AFC North rival Cincinnati after missing , multiple games. Parker (knee) and Keisel (calf) are practicing again, and Hampton (groin) is expected to practice by Thursday.

"We're getting pretty healthy," Tomlin said.

The only players ruled out

and Hampton most of three games. Parker and Hampton were Pro Bowl players lastseason

"Willie's just going to get better with confidence as we push forward," Tomlin said. "He's not 100 percent (when he moves laterally), but he looked pretty good.'

division-leading The Steelers (4-1) appear to be getting healthy at the right time, with their schedule about to get tougher. After Sunday, the Steelers play four of five at home, starting with the Super Bowl champion Giants on Oct.

After that, the Steelers face the Redskins, Colts, Chargers, Patriots, Cowboys, Ravens, Titans and Browns among their final nine games.

Tomlin downplayed the Bengals' record - what coach for Sunday are fullback Carey about to meet a winless team doesn't? - and pointed to the Steelers' 19-16 overtime loss to the New York Jets last season. The Steelers were 7-2 going into that game and the Jets were 1-8. Tomlin also said quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick presents problems because he runs more efficiently than injured starter Carson Palmer, averaging 6.4 yards on 10 carries.

doesn't throw nearly as well, and has only one touchdown pass and three interceptions in three games. As a result, the Bengals' biggest threats, receivers T.J. Houshmandzadch and Chad Johnson, often go long stretches without seeing the ball.

Houshmandzadeh, has 38 catches for 400 yards and three touchdowns; through six games last season, he had 51 receptions for 548 yards and eight TDs. Johnson's dropoff has been even steeper, with only 19 catches for 216 yards and a TD compared to 39 catches for 680 yards and three TDs in 2007.

"When you don't have a healthy Carson Palmer, it makes life tough," Tomlin said. "There's a lot of reasons why their record is their able to beat out backups Nate record, but we're not con- Washington and Baker and cerned about their record.'

The problem is Fitzpatrick When Smith couldn't finish the 26-21 victory at Jacksonville on Oct. 5, Trai Essex replaced him rather than Starks

Kicker Jeff Reed developed groin problem in Jacksonville but, with the Steelers coming off a byc week, they didn't bother bringing in another kicker for a tryout.

"Jeff had better go," Tomlin said. "I don't want to think about Jeff not going.'

Baker's injury could result in the first meaningful playing time for rookie wide receiver Limas Sweed, who was drafted to provide the taller downfield threat that quarterback Ben Roethlisberger requested after last season.

Despite being a secondround pick, Sweed hasn't been

#### by MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

because of opponents

Colts QB Manning

hid second surgery

INDIANAPOLIS - Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning kept quiet about his second knee surgery for one reason: He thought it would give opponents an advantage.

The two-time NFL player of the year answered questions about the surgery for the first time publicly on Wednesday, two days after coach Tony Dungy confirmed Mainning needed two preseason surgeries to clear the bursa sac infection in his left knee.

The reason I just didn't really confirm or deny it the first time was I just didn't really want the (Chicago) Bears to know they were playing against a guy that was four weeks off of surgery," he said. "I know if I was playing against a corner that was four weeks off of surgery, I would definitely test out how good that surgery was in a game. So I just didn't think it was fair to reveal that information."

The Colts still lost that season-opener at home 29-13.

Manning continues to insist it is irrelevant now that he has produced his two best games of the season. A week ago, he helped orchestrate a remarkable comeback against Houston, rallying from 17 points down with less than 5 minutes to go, and then threw for three touchdowns in last Sunday's 31-3 victory over Baltimore.

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Davis (ankle), backup wide receiver Dallas Baker (separated shoulder) and linebacker Keyaron Fox, who plays mostly on special teams.

Parker, the NFL's thirdleading rusher through two games, has been out since spraining the medial collateral ligament in his left knee Sept. 21 against Philadelphia. Keisel has missed most of four games

Tomlin made one surprise personnel announcement - if left tackle Marvel Smith (back spasms) can't go, and that appears unlikely, one-time sistency in route running, right tackle starter Max Starks would replace him.

Starks is the team's highestpaid offensive lineman with a nearly \$7 million salary but has been stuck to the bench.

was deactivated for four of the first five games. He didn't play in the one game he was in uniform.

"He just needs to have concatching the football and assignments," Tomlin said. "It's that simple. He has improved and, really, he's been on the brink of deserving an opportunity."

The reward for beating the Ravens was Manning's first AFC player of the week award since Dec. 2, 2007,

Because of the double knee surgery, Manning, who has never missed an NFL start, missed training camp and all the preseason games. He's spent the first month of the season trying to get precision timing down with his receivers.

He still wasn't satisfied yet for the 3-2 Colts, but he wants to be finished talking about the knee.

"I was just trying to not give them any type of advantage, whether they change their blitzes or what not," Manning said. "I didn't want to keep it from anybody, and it didn't necessarily have to be a secret. That was just the whole reasoning for it.'

### NFL This Week: Chargers set to face Buffalo

Browns at Washington following win over Giants

#### by DAVE GOLDBERG ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Diego Chargers, who have epitomized the NFL's inconsistency this season, looked like the championship team they're supposed to be last week. It may be hard to keep that form given a travel schedule in which their journey to Buffalo on Sunday begins a trip that takes them nearly halfway around the world.

"It was a good win," Philip Rivers said of the 30-10 victory over New England last Sunday night. "And then the dust settles and we are 3-3. That's still where we are. We've got a long way to go." Literally.

After the Chargers, on a three-game run of games with AFC East teams, play the Bills in Buffalo, they continue on to 'London for the NFL's European showcase on Oct. 26 against New Orleans. Given the differences in climates, many weren't sure how to pack, although an umbrella should be mandatory - last

played on what the Brits call a 'waterlogged pitch."

The weather in Buffalo is forecast for temperatures in the 50s, "perfect football weather" for most folks.

But whether things will be perfect for the Chargers is another question. A week before the rout of New England, they lost in Miami, a victim of the Dolphins' new deceptive offense and a defense that held Rivers, LaDainian Tomlinson and the rest of the Chargers to 10 points.

Buffalo, which leads the East at 4-1, is more dangerous than Miami, although before the Bills' bye week they conceded 41 points to Arizona and lost for the first time. Quarterback Trent Edwards was lost with a concussion in the first quarter of that game; the week off gave Edwards time to recover and he is expected to start.

"It was good to see him back smiling, feeling good and being able to come out there and make some plays," wide receiver Lee Evans said. "It's good to get him back in the swing of things."

If the Bills can get back in the swing of things after a loss and a bye, they may be the favorites in their division.

And at least they don't have to fly to London after the game. Their international trip

hours away in Toronto against the Dolphins on Dec. 7.

In other games Sunday, supposed to be better, with the Baltimore is at Miami; Dallas at St. Louis; Minnesota at Chicago; Tennessee at Kansas City; San Francisco at the New York Giants; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati; New Orleans at Carolina; Detroit at Houston; the New York Jets at Oakland; Cleveland at Washington; Indianapolis at Green Bay; and Seattle at Tampa Bay.

Denver is at New England on Monday night.

Arizona, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Jacksonville are off

Tennessee (5-0) at Kansas City (1-4): The Titans are the NFL's last remaining unbeaten team. But they will undoubtedly note that the second-tolast, the Giants, were upset Monday night by the Browns and that the Chiefs' win came over a Denver team that was unbeaten when it went to Arrowhead.

Still, Kansas City knows it is rebuilding and spent the hours until the trade deadline . playoffs. We're not even trying to deal Tony Gonzalez. But GM Carl Peterson wasn't very realistic - one of the prospective buyers, the Giants, reportedly offered a sixthround pick while Peterson was asking for a second-rounder.

Indianapolis (3-2) at Green Bay (3-3): Peyton Manning returned to form last Sunday in the 31-3 victory

year's London game was is a short one, less than two over Baltimore. On Monday, coach Tony Dungy then confirmed what already was wellknown around the NFL: that Peyton had a second procedure on his knee during the summer. He missed almost all of the preseason.

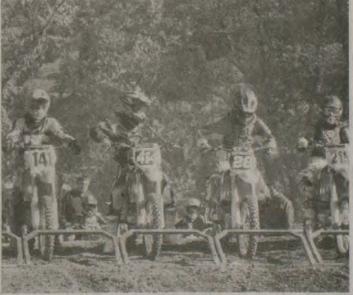
The last time these teams met, in 2004, Manning beat Brett Favre 45-31 in Indy in a game in which the teams scored TDs on the first five possessions. Now it's Aaron Rodgers for Green Bay and it could be high-scoring again. The Colts' defense was soft until last week and the Packers' defense is banged up.

Dungy is 0-7 at Lambeau Field going back to his Tampa days.

Cleveland (2-3) at Washington (4-2): The Browns treated Monday night's game with the Giants as their Super Bowl and some felt like it turned them into a contender again. Coach Romeo Crennel wasn't quite buying it.

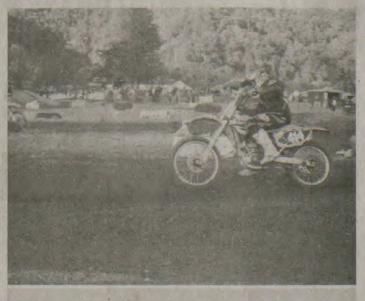
"Just because we won one game it doesn't put us in the .500," Romeo Crennel said, trying to dash some of the "We won the Super Bowl" attitude among both players and fans.

The Redskins come from the opposite pole: a home loss to previously winless St. Louis after road wins over Dallas and Philadelphia. One reason is three turnovers after just one in their first five games.



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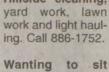
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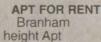
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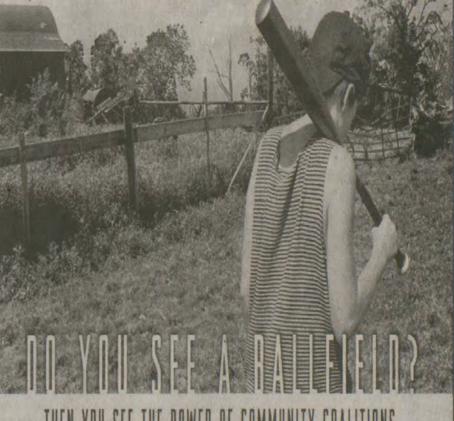
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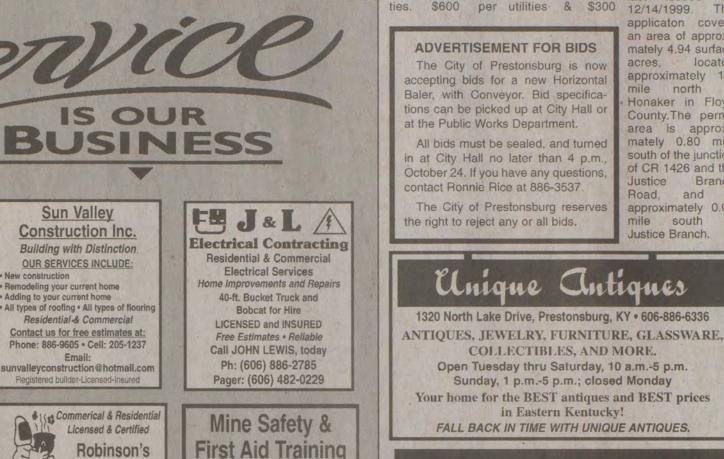
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#### Dear Tom and Ray:

My wife heard a report on a local radio station warning people not to use jumper cables on modern cars. The guy said they could cause "unstable voltage" and damage on-board computer operations. I own a 2005 Subaru and a 2007 Ford. When I contacted both vehicles' dealerships, each told me it is OK to use jumper cables. Additionally, each told me that the devices they use in their repair departments to start cars with dead or low batteries are just like jumper cables. So? What's the truth? Are my dealership's service representatives ignorant? Please advise! Thanks! - Rob

RAY: It sounds like you're describing my brother, Rob. Unstable voltage and on-board computer problems.

TOM: Actually, your dealership's service representatives are exactly right. We jump-start cars all the time at the shop, and have never had any car suffer from "unstable voltage" or computer damage when it was jump-started correctly.

RAY: Now, there are lots of problems that can be created if you hook up the jumper cables BACKWARD.

TOM: Right. That can cause unstable voltage, unstable angina, fried computers, angry customers and lots of explainin'.

RAY: So, when you DO jump-start a car, you want to take great care to make sure you're doing it correctly. If you're not sure how to jump-start a car, we have a diagram and instructions on our Web site at www.cartalk.com. Print 'em out and stick 'em in your glove compartment.

#### The tale of the detached wheel

Dear Tom and Ray:

Something interesting happened to me today. I was on my way to work, and the right front wheel fell off my 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo. I want to know why it fell off. All five of the studs were sheared off, and I could not find any of the studs or lug nuts near the scene when I stopped. When I left my home this morning, I could hear a knocking sound in front of the firewall on the right side. I turned off the radio so that I could listen a little closer, and I noticed that it ot louder when I accelerated.

been lug nuts that were too loose OR too tight. They could loosen up and fall off one by one over 3,000 miles, but that is an unusually long time. More likely, the lug nuts were overtightened.

TOM: Here's the likely scenario: When you had your stabilizer replaced 3,000 miles ago," someone overtightened your lug nuts. What that does is it stretches the studs. Now, every metal has an "elastic region," a point to which it can be stretched and still return to its original shape and size. But if you stretch it beyond its elastic region, you get to its

return and is permanently weakened.

RAY: My guess is that, after being overtightened, at some point one of your studs failed and broke off, taking the lug nut with it. You didn't notice it, because you had four more. But because one was missing, those four had to do the work of five. That put more stress on the remaining studs.

TOM: Eventually, another one broke. And then another. When you set out this morning, you had two studs left. That's

"plastic region," where it won't why you were hearing the wheel that those animals overtightened banging against the disc rotor. One more stud broke off, and the noise got louder. And then, that last one sheared off and the wheel came off with it.

RAY: And you should get down on your knees and thank your lucky stars that you were going 4 mph when it happened instead of 40.

TOM: If you're sure that the guys who did the stabilizer repair removed only that one wheel, you can just replace those five studs and be fine.

RAY: But if there's a chance

all four of your wheels, then I'd recommend replacing all 20 studs. And just to be safe, check your wife's bedside table to make sure she hasn't taken out an "accident only" insurance policy that you don't know about.

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finally decided, after about half a mile, to stop and check it out. I walked all the way around the car, looked underneath it and checked under the hood. I couldn't see anything, so I got back on the road. About another half a mile down the road, I heard and felt some real banging in the front, so I immediately pulled over. As I was pulling to a stop, there was a big bang, and I thought, "Did my front wheel just fall off?" Sure enough, next to my car when I got out was my right front wheel, along with the rotor and everything else, sitting right there in the dirt. I had the car inspected a couple of months ago, and that same day I took it in for an alignment and to have them fix a stabilizer shockabsorber-looking thing that had come loose under the front end area. Since that time, I have put nearly 3,000 miles on it, but I am telling you this because that is the last time I can remember that there could have been an opportunity to remove that wheel. So here is my main question: Why would my wheel suddenly fall off my Jeep? I can think of only a few scenarios.

No. 1: The last time the wheel was off the vehicle, they did not put the lug nuts on tight enough. Good theory, but how was I able to go 3,000 miles before having an incident like this one?

No. 2: The last time the wheel was off the vehicle, they put the lug nuts on too tight and stretched the studs to the point of almost breaking. Again, how did I make it 3,000 miles?

No. 3: My wife hired a hit man who bungled the job. Not a very good theory either, because I already know that she thinks I'm pretty much worthless, so she wouldn't have much to gain by offing me.

Should I check my wife's fingernails for dirt? Please do your best Car Talk CSI work on this for me. I am really depending on you. This could be life or death if I'm wrong. — John

TOM: Well, so far, I think your wife is the leading candidate, John.

RAY: Actually, it could have





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