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briefs

Road work to begin Monday

Times Staff Report

Work on a section of Route 1428 in Floyd County from the "S-curve" in Prestonsburg south toward Allen will begin Monday, August 25, according to Mark Westfall, PE, Highway District 12 Resident Engineer.

Westfall said that milling will start on Monday morning, followed by patching and leveling, which should begin Tuesday afternoon. "Work on the whole route is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete," Westfall said. Motorists should expect long delays and should choose an alternate route if at all possible.

"We know that this temporary inconvenience will affect local residents, school buses, even mail delivery," Westfall said, "and we apologize for the delays. However, we ask people to remember that the result will be a newly-paved, safer highway that will be finished before winter weather sets in."

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



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Man pleads guilty to contacting minor

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man accused in 2007 of using internet communications to solicit sex with a 15-year-old pleaded guilty last Friday in Floyd Circuit Court to a lesser charge.

David Kyle Robinson, 26, of Prestonsburg, was originally charged with unlawful use of electronic communications to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity, a Class D felony, when he reportedly made inappropriate contact with a 15-year-old Auxier girl. The charge was amended to Class A misdemeanor.

Robinson was sentenced to 12 months suspended sentence, and 24 months of probation. He is ordered to remain more than 1,000 yards away from his victim.

According to court records, Robinson will also "be assessed for any psychological problems and participate in any treatment needed."

Robinson had reportedly been a youth leader at Highland Avenue Baptist Church, but church officials later told Times staff that Robinson held no such position. Despite the church's denial, the court also ordered that Robinson be prohibited from holding any position as a staff member or volunteer with any church or community or academic youth organization.

According to the plea agreement, Robinson will not be required to register as a sex offender.

Investigators reportedly followed evidence which showed Robinson, then 26, was making inappropriate gestures towards the girl in person and on the internet via MySpace and MSN Messenger.

Search warrants were executed for both Robinson's residence and his employer, Abbott Engineering, where investigators confiscated the computers found in both Robinson's home and work. The forensic evaluation of the computers was processed by the KSP Crime Lab.



David Kyle Robinson

SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby, Jr. and Principal Brent Rose discussed the traffic situation at Prestonsburg Elementary on Wednesday.

Traffic still causing problems at school

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

"It's just numbers," Pete Grigsby, Jr. said, as he watched the first round of parents pull in the expanded parking lot at Prestonsburg Elementary on Wednesday.

Grigsby, assistant superintendent of the Floyd County Board of Education, worked with Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Brent Rose to come up with a better system to allow parents and buses to drop-off and pick-up students at the school.

The new Prestonsburg Elementary has had traffic flow woes since opening its doors last year, as officials attempted

to get the Kentucky Department of Transportation to install traffic signals in the area to no avail.

"We tried to get the state to put a light there," Grigsby said. "We went around and around about it, but they wouldn't approve it."

Part of the problem is the size of the student body, which means more vehicles driving around the school and causing traffic to bottleneck on the four-lane that passes the entrance to the facility. According to Rose, Prestonsburg Elementary has around 150 more students than any other school in the district.

"With our headstart, we have 795 students," Rose said.

"We also have 104 employees, and all of that means a lot of traffic."

While the morning traffic still causes problems at the school, both Grigsby and Rose believe it is improving.

"It's getting better now," Grigsby said. "We have the city and county police involved in helping direct the traffic flow, and we didn't have this additional parking last year. Once things get going, we shouldn't need the police detail. Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Ormerod and Sheriff John K. Blackburn have both been a big help."

The expanded parking lot

(See **TRAFFIC**, page three)

County audit reveals some problems

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Kentucky State Auditor Crit Luallen released the audit of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Monday, and she has a few suggestions for the county's leaders.

While the audit doesn't note any major faults in the financial statements, Luallen cited multiple weaknesses which she addressed in the report.

According to the audit, the Floyd County Fiscal Court did not maintain proper records for the Public Properties

Corporation Debt Service Fund. All bank statements were made available, but officials did not maintain a receipt and disbursement ledgers or prepare a financial statement.

"The county did provide a financial statement in the quarterly and annual reports," said Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "However, the county will maintain a receipt and disbursement ledger in the future and will make the necessary efforts to follow through on these recommendations."

(See **AUDIT**, page three)

Dry conditions prompt burn ban

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A report was issued this week from the Energy and Environment Cabinet declaring the need for a burn ban after extremely dry conditions in recent weeks have made Eastern Kentucky susceptible to forest fires.

According to the report, "Due to the extremely dry conditions and the high potential for forest fires in the Eastern District counties of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Lawrence and Pike, we

request that you complete the attached proclamation to issue burning bans in your respective counties."

The proclamation, signed by R.D. "Doc" Marshall on Wednesday, states that, "all outdoor burning in Floyd County is prohibited under the authority of KRS 149.401."

The proclamation will, according to Marshall, be in effect until such time as it is rescinded. All Floyd County residents are encouraged to comply.

According to officials (See **BAN**, page three)

Three killed in Pike County accidents

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Three lives were lost this week following a series of motor vehicle accidents in Pike County on Tuesday, one involving an ATV.

Yvonne McGlothlin, 42, of Big Rock, Va., was killed while traveling along the shoulder of Route 1499, near

Feds Creek, on a 2002 Yamaha ATV. McGlothlin reportedly attempted to make a left turn across the highway and pulled into the path of a 2002 Dodge Dakota. Deputy Coroner Denver Bailey pronounced McGlothlin dead at the scene.

No report on the driver or his condition was released by KSP.

Later that day, two Pike County men were killed in a car accident when the

vehicle they were traveling in was struck by an oncoming car.

Billy Coleman, 38, and Benny Justice, 47, both of Shelbiana, were killed this week when a vehicle being driven by Vicki Reid, 45, of Elkhorn City was traveling east on U.S. 460 near Millard when she reportedly crossed the center line and struck the 1991 Geo Prism being driven by

Justice. Coleman, who was a passenger in Justice's vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy coroner Zeb Hampton. Both Reid and Justice had to be airlifted to Holston Valley Medical Center in Tennessee.

Justice died on Wednesday from the injuries sustained in the crash.

Kentucky State Police is still investigating both accidents.

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Obituaries

John Edward "Tad" Adkins

John Edward "Tad" Adkins, age 65, of Martin, passed away Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at St. Joseph Martin.

He was born October 4, 1942, in Martin, the son of the late Garner Adkins and Marie Maggard Adkins. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Lee Adkins of Martin; a son, Johnny Daryl Adkins, and daughter, Kimberly Lyn Adkins, both of Martin; a brother, Jimmie Dale Adkins of Martin; a sister, Wanda Gay Webb of Martin; and three grandchildren: David Stone, Justin Adkins, and Chelsea Adkins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald "Duck" Adkins.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 23, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial will follow in the Adkins Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Bethel Moore Allen

Bethel Moore Allen, 82, of Huntersville, North Carolina, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, August 18, at Northeast Medical Center, in Concord, North Carolina.

Born April 4, 1926, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Arlin and Julia Bradley Moore. She was a retired schoolteacher from the Middletown (Ohio) Board of Education. She taught fourth-grade students for nearly 28 years at Mayfield Elementary School, after earning a teaching degree from Pikeville College in 1959.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Wilson Allen; a stepdaughter, Susan

Allen Richardson; her sisters: Ocie Moore Jacobs and Ova Mae Moore Bates; and brothers: Otmar Gee and Talmadge Neilas Moore.

Survivors include her sons: Charles Bradley Jr., of Middletown, Ohio; and Kenneth D. Allen of Gastonia, North Carolina; two daughters: Diane L. Allen of Huntersville, North Carolina; and Debra A. Reedy of Davidson, North Carolina; a sister; Sweetia Faye Moore Jones of Michigan; a brother, Gary Randall Moore of Somerset; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 23, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Burial will take place at the Allen Family Cemetery, in Pyramid, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 22, beginning at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Tessie Slater Campbell

Tessie Slater Campbell, age 94, of Garrett, widow of Bob Campbell, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at her residence.

She was born February 17, 1914, at Clintwood, Virginia, the daughter of the late Ike and Vertie Mullins Slater.

She was a retired businesswoman, housewife, loving mother and a member of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church for 58 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors include, one son; Michael (Patricia) Fitzpatrick of Garrett; one niece, Peggy (Frankie) Francis of Garrett; five grandchildren: Crystal Collins, Kelli Coleman, Robert Fitzpatrick, Jamie Martin and LeAnn Prater; six great-grandchildren: Alex

Parker Collins, Lincoln Brac Coleman, Landon Bryce Coleman, Gavin Martin, Gracie Martin, and Emorie Prater

Funeral services for Tessie Slater Campbell will be conducted Saturday, August 23, at 10:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mullins Cemetery, Cancy Ridge, Clintwood, Virginia.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Thursday, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky. (Paid obituary)

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Ivellea Risner

Ivellea Risner, age 85, of New London, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at the Firelands Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in New London.

She was born March 13, 1923, in Pay, (KY), the daughter of the late A. B. and Nora (nee Stumbo) Hall. She moved to New London in the 1940's.

She worked at her father's grocery store, in Blue Moon, and later at the Battle Creek, Michigan, army post. She worked at several restaurants in Sandusky, and at Sutters Candy in Mansfield. She also worked for Ashland Dry Goods in Ashland; both Victorine and Thomas Creative Apparel in New London; and served as the manager of London Town Apartments for 21 years. She attended the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Wellington.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosalie Kidd, of New London; two sons, Waldean (Susann) Risner of New London, and Larry Gene (Gail) Risner of Norwalk; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Magadlene Hall and Melva

Anderson, both of New London; Irene (John W.) Brown, of Ashland; Betty Jo Pettit, of Elyria; Incz Gasser, of Waco, Texas; and sisters-in-law, Marilyn Hall, of Ocala, Florida, and Vernice Hall, of New London.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Risner in 2001; two brothers: R.J. Hall in 1987, and Clyde Hall in 1976; a sister, Loretta Hardy in 2003; three brothers-in-law: Eldon Anderson, Ray Pettit, and Blain Hall; and an infant son, Leon Risner.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 22, at 2 p.m. at Eastman Funeral Home, 200 W. Main St., New London, with Pastor Bill Lechenc officiating.

Burial will follow at the Ashland County Memorial Park.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be

expressed at: www.castmanfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Nova Jean Wright

Nova Jean Wright, 74, of Warsaw, formerly of Mentone, Indiana, died Monday, August 18, 2008, at her residence.

Born June 5, 1934, in Dwale, she was the daughter of the late Crft and Kate (Branham) Crisp.

From 1965 to 1990, she worked in the bindry/press-room of RR Donnelly and Sons, Warsaw, Indiana.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Wright, to whom she was married September 15, 1958.

Other survivors include three daughters: Regina Fannin of Lexington; Vanessa (husband, Steve) Allen of Florence; and Karen (husband, Bert) Aker of Richmond, Virginia; four sons: Michael (wife, Rhonda) Wright of

Burket Indiana; Kevin Wright, and Edgar Wright, both of Palestine, Indiana; and Steve (wife, Jackie) Wright of Warsaw, Indiana; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Tamara Burchet; and a son, Daryl Wright.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, August 21, at 4 p.m., in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana, with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating.

Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its February 10, 1938, issue that Senator Joe P. Tackett, of Floyd County, introduced a resolution to the Kentucky Senate, last week, protesting the alleged encroachment of the federal government on state's rights, and asking the two Kentucky Senators, Barkley and Logan, to oppose the anti-lynching bill, now before the national Senate.

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You never know what you might be missing, if you are not reading "Our Yesterdays," printed each Wednesday in The Times.

Senior citizens art show planned at BSCTC

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — An art exhibit honoring area seniors will be held from Oct. 15 until Nov. 15, at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery.

Seniors interested in showing their artwork need to contact the director of their local senior citizens center for this opportunity to showcase their talents.

This exhibit will celebrate the contributions made by seniors to area culture, and allow the general public to

view what a lifetime of experience means to the continuity of customs and heritage.

Any person over the age of 60 is welcome to participate in the art show. Space is limited in the gallery, so interested persons are encouraged to sign

up early to be sure to get a spot in the show.

Local senior citizens directors will be contacted two weeks prior to the exhibit to provide the names of those interested in the show. A reception will be held for seniors and the general

public, Tuesday October 21st at 6 p.m., with refreshments being served at the BSCTC Art Gallery.

For more information contact your local senior citizen center or the art gallery director Tim Sizemore at (606) 886-3863 ext. 64746.

Audit

The audit also found that the outstanding principal balance on the liabilities section of the report from the fourth quarter did not agree with the confirmed debt balance at June 30, 2007.

"The Floyd County Treasurer stated that the county's liability section was originated from statements given to the county by our creditors," Marshall said. "The county will request that our banking insti-

tutions make the necessary corrections to prevent this from happening in the future."

The lease of two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles also caught the eye of the auditor, as all purchases over \$20,000 should require bids. According to the audit, the court leased the vehicles for Marshall and the 911 coordinator, with payments of \$824 for each lease for 39 months, coming to a total of \$32,526 for each lease.

"With regards to the county's use of the 2007 Tahoe, the county has entered into a rental agreement," Marshall said. "The county will make the necessary corrections to prevent this from happening in the future."

According to the audit, the county did not maintain an accurate and complete schedule of capital assets, including new land, building improvements and vehicles purchased during

the fiscal year of 2007 totaling \$926,549. Also, according to the audit, the county did not have capital road expenditures separated from operating expenditures, or separated between paving projects and bridge replacement projects.

"The county agrees with this statement and shall have the road department and finance officer follow this recommendation to prevent this from occurring in the future."

Marshall said. "The finance officer shall periodically review the capital assets list to make sure this recommendation is being followed as stated."

The final comment from Luallen informed the court that it should pursue a buyer to purchase East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. In October of 2004, the court began the process of assuming control of East Kentucky Utilities in order for 1,000 residents to maintain utilities.

"The county also agrees

with this statement," Marshall said. "The East Kentucky Utilities Board of Directors, which does not count as their members any current members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, voted unanimously to request that the court advertise the sale of this company for bids. On March 27, 2008, the court voted to advertise the sale of East Kentucky Utilities to the highest bidder."

The complete audit report of the Floyd County Fiscal Court can be viewed online at <http://www.auditor.ky.gov>.

Traffic

allows parents to park and wait on their children after school without blocking school buses or obstructing the flow of traffic. The parking lot currently contains 160 spaces.

"We normally have at least 100 parents waiting here at the bell," Rose said. "We're planning to move the location for parent pick-up to allow for easier access and eliminate the blocking of buses."

As parents get used to the school location and the way student drop-off and pick-up are designed, Grigsby expects

things to run smoother in the future.

"This year, the parents are being much more cooperative and helping each other," Grigsby said. "They've been educated on the process and they are being very helpful."

Another possible problem is an earlier starting time for schools in Floyd County, and Rose wants to make sure that parents are aware of it.

"We start school at 8 a.m.," Rose said. "I think some parents don't realize that school is starting earlier."

Along with the help of parents, Rose is an advocate of having children ride the school buses, at least in the mornings.

"If they ride the bus in the mornings, they are guaranteed to get here early and have time for breakfast," Rose said.

Once the routine becomes familiar to parents and the school year progresses, Rose envisions a productive and successful school year for the students and staff at Prestonsburg Elementary.

"We're already off to a great start," Rose said.

New parole credit program debated in Judiciary meeting

FRANKFORT - A program that is expected to save the state around \$12.5 million over the next two years by allowing inmates on parole supervision to receive credit toward their sentence—and final discharge from parole—drew comments from supporters and detractors before state lawmakers Tuesday.

A total of 1,016 inmates had been released as of Aug. 18 under the program, created by lawmakers during the 2008 Regular Session as part of Executive Branch budget bill House Bill 406, according to state Department of Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. Any parolee who does well during parole supervision is eligible for the credits, not just nonviolent and/or nonsexual offenders, she said.

"It is for anyone who has been out a period of time on parole who did well during that period of time," she told the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary. "If they did not receive an additional (felony)

sentence, and if they had not absconded, they receive the credit. Nothing (in the bill) was tied to the type of sentence they had."

But the program concerns Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorney Association President and Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cohron, who said his office has been flooded with calls from crime victims who worry how the provisions will affect them.

"We are tracking those who have come out," he said. "Unfortunately, according to the statistical analysis, there is going to be reoffending. My main concern is to equip the public and court system going forward on what does a sentence mean? What does a 20- or 10-year sentence mean?"

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown tried to allay concerns about the program by explaining that parole credit does not equal early release. In all situations, he said, the inmates are under

the supervision of the department until that time that they would be eligible for discharge from prison through "minimum expiration", or the minimum completion date, of their sentence without parole.

"The sentence is not being shortened," said Brown. "No one has had a day cut off that they have not received some official credit for."

Parolees also face stiff penalties-like denial of bond—for committing another felony or fleeing parole supervision, said Judiciary Committee Co-Chair Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, who said he is not sure the system could be any tougher beyond adding time to a person's sentence.

"If someone commits another felony offense while on supervision there are ramifications," said Stivers. "The deterrent there for a person who goes back a second time for violating these are pretty substantial."

Still, Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said he felt more deterrents could be added to strengthen the program-and public perception of it.

"I think there's a perception problem, to some extent," he said. "I think it's a good program, but I do think there needs to be some deterrents...that if an individual violates parole, that maybe makes him ineligible for a second parole. There are some ways to tweak it."

The program and other money-saving corrections provisions in HB 406 drew some heat from county judge-executives at the meeting for its impact on county budgets. Larue County Judge-Executive Tommy Turner said that the provisions could result in a "devastating" loss in revenue to counties, which rely on state inmate dollars to meet their jail costs.

Currently, counties collectively spend \$130 million a year to balance their jail budgets, Turner said.

"The system we've created makes counties rely on inmate

counts as feed lots rely on heads of cattle. It's sad," he added.

Also speaking before the committee against the provisions was Jo Ann Phillips with Kentuckians Voice for Crime Victims, who called the new system an "unfunded mandate" on victims. "The emotional devastation and tragedy incurred by these victims-I don't hear that cost being discussed," she said.

She was reassured by the committee's Co-Chair Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, who made it clear that public safety is a legislative priority.

"We are taking clearly into account, number 1, the safety of the public," said Stein.

According to Commissioner Thompson, the state will save approximately \$12.5 million over the next two years from the release of the 1,016 former inmates under discharged already under the parole supervision credit program.

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Kristyn is a 2004 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is currently attending Regency School of Hair Design, and working on completing her Associates at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

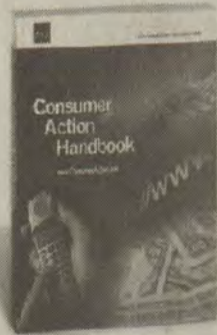
Chris is also a 2004 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He received his Associates in Engineering Technologies and Surveying and Mapping, with a minor in Architectural and Mechanical Drafting from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He is currently employed by Booth Energy, and works as an above drainage underground mining draftsman/surveyor.

It was love at first sight for Chris and Kristyn when they were introduced by mutual friends. They could tell there was something special about each other and started dating on July 4, 2007. Five months later, on February 16, 2008, Chris proposed to Kristyn on a beautiful mountaintop in Gatlinburg, TN.

Chris and Kristyn will wed on August 30, 2008, at Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, and a reception will be held immediately following. The newlyweds will honeymoon in Florida and come back to reside in Prestonsburg.

We wish the two of them lots of happiness, health, and love in their future together.

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Viewpoint

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Chicago Sun-Times, on Sen. Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Convention:

We're all for compromise and diplomacy, but the announcement on Thursday that Sen. Hillary Clinton's name will be placed into nomination at the Democratic National Convention for a roll call vote leaves us with a sense of unease.

Clinton and her historic candidacy must get its due, no doubt.

That's why she is expected to be the headline speaker on Tuesday night during the week of the convention, a perfect opportunity for her to shine before millions of viewers while her supporters celebrate.

The roll call vote, though, looks like nothing more than an opening for the bitterness that lurks beneath her loss to rise to the surface again.

We've never been much for summer reruns.

Sen. Barack Obama won. Clinton lost.

Time to move on.

The Dallas Morning News, on NATO expansion:

John McCain and Barack Obama disagree on many things, but in response to Russia's invasion of Georgia, they were of one mind about what the United States should do: Redouble efforts to bring Georgia into NATO.

They're wrong, and dangerously so.

Consider that if President Bush had gotten his way over European objections, Georgia would already be a NATO member country. The recent Russian invasion would have committed NATO to go to war with Russia which, despite its weakened state, still has a sizable army and thousands of nuclear missiles to defend Georgia.

Are Americans willing to engage in a shooting war with Russia over this former Soviet republic? What is the vital U.S. interest at stake worth paying that kind of price?

Others say that were Georgia in NATO, Russia never would have invaded. Maybe. Maybe not. Is that a chance worth taking? If the U.S. is not prepared to fight for Georgia, it has no business extending security guarantees to it. ...

Despite American warnings, Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili rashly attacked South Ossetia, giving Russia an excuse to invade. Were Georgia in NATO, treaty obligations would likely have made this local dispute an event that either shattered the alliance or a fusc that ignited World War III.

Georgia's fight with Russia is not our fight, nor should it be. Russia has drawn a line in the sand, right in its own back yard. We would be prudent not to cross it.

The Denver Post, on U.S. Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps:

Once in a lifetime, there comes an athlete who accomplishes the impossible — or, at least, what had been considered impossible.

If you've been following the summer Olympic games in Beijing, you know that the athlete for this generation is Michael Phelps.

On Sunday, the U.S. swimmer won his eighth gold medal in these games in a breathtaking march that has set new world record marks and demolished opponents.

We are awed by his accomplishments, yet the seeming contradictions and complexities of this gifted 23-year-old also make him intriguing.

He's a ferocious competitor but also a good sport (which shouldn't be contradictions, but unfortunately they often are).

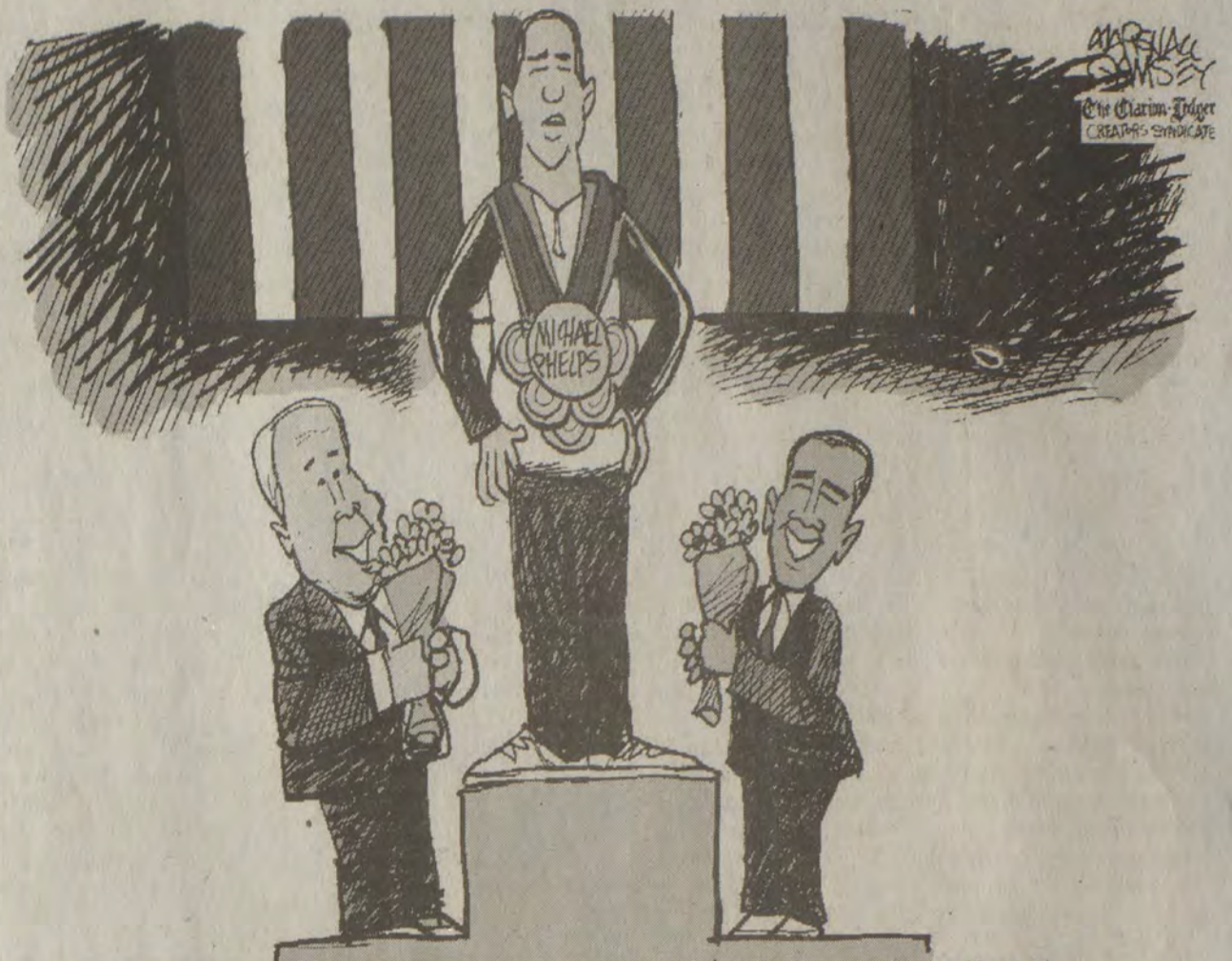
He's a self-effacing, regular guy who is anything but normal once he hits the water. He has prepared himself with a superhuman training regimen yet makes racing, winning and smashing world records all look so casual.

So the question must be asked: Is he the greatest U.S. Olympian of all time? ...

The debate will rage over technological and training improvements and money in sports that allows athletes to be full-time professionals. And you could talk all day about which sports are harder on the body and which make it easier to rack up multiple medals by virtue of relay opportunities.

In the end, we'll never all agree on the superlatives, but we should be able to concur on one thing: Seeing Phelps swim in these games has been a rare opportunity to watch a phenomenal athlete create sports history.

It has been awe-inspiring.



"NO, I WON'T BE YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT."

Guest column

Law and order are sagging on Wall Street

by WILLIAM A. COLLINS
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Your investments,
On the brink;
Not as safe,
As you might think.

The robber barons of the Roaring '20s finally stumbled off into oblivion with the coming of the Great Depression. It was the New Dealers who then invented the regulatory regimens to prevent such corruption from ever, ever happening again in the stock market and in corporate governance. Bless their hearts!

It all worked fine for a while, but now the barons are back, like the Joker in a Batman sequel. And the chief culprit in their resurgence for once wasn't even Richard Nixon, Wellspring #1 of so many of America's evil urges. No, this time it was Ronald Reagan, U.S. Wellspring #2. Mr. Reagan believed people were basically good, that "excessive" regulation was bad, and that unfettered capitalism would maximize world welfare. Or at least that's what he convinced us to think.

These were not uncommon beliefs at the time. He shared them with corporate moguls, stock market thieves, and shysters of every stripe. His ghost shares them today with George W. Bush (Wellspring #3) and his rampant anti-regulatory apparatus. Ken Lay became their living icon,

whose timely death raised him to a James Dean level of notoriety on Wall Street. His photo still appears regularly in "Crook" magazine. (OK, I made that one up.)

Unfortunately, it's the rest of us who have been left holding the bag. Whether it's Greenspan/Bernanke who were supposed to be protecting us from bankers, the Environmental Protection Agency that was supposed to protect us from global warming, the Food and Drug Administration that was to speed the coming of affordable wonder drugs, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that's supposed to protect shareholders and consumers, or the Federal Communications Commission that's supposed to protect us from media monopoly, all have failed.

Nay, not so much failed as defected. Failure suggests that these agencies actually gave regulation a good go. And no doubt their professional staffs did. But the corruption was higher up than that, right at the top. Loyal and brave staffers have blown whistles, resigned in protest, sued, organized, published, and done all the heroic things for which we praise public servants. They've been met with firings, prosecutions, slander, and silence. Gutting the regulation of corporations has become national policy and mere civil servants are not going to be allowed to stand in its way.

Now as the wheels finally come off this corporation-driven administration, you might think these travesties would diminish at last. Far from it. Rather a panicky sense of mortality

is gripping the White House, and its agents are pushing ahead faster than ever to insulate corporate chiefs from you and me and even from their own investors.

The SEC has already ruled to make it harder for shareholders to get a spot on the company's proxy ballot. Meanwhile pro-management courts are making it harder to file investor class-action lawsuits. The SEC is also proposing to allow multinational corporations to be governed by the looser financial rules of other countries if that would help their profits. And Congress and the SEC alike have turned a blind eye toward forcing corporations to report adequately giant impending environmental costs.

Will a new administration be able to reverse this nouveau '20s-style corporate abandon? John McCain seems disinclined. Barack Obama seems disinclined to say. Maybe he doesn't know. It's murky. You can bet that unless he's a pretty strong character he'll mostly follow corporate desires. Bill Clinton surely did.

So once again, it seems that no matter who wins, nervous citizens will have no opportunity to relax. Even with a presumably well-motivated president, the ship of state doesn't run itself. Corporations will always press for laws to their own advantage and will hire regiments of lobbyists to make their pitch. Plainly, we'll just have to keep contributing to all those heroic non-profit groups that work to thwart them.

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Guess who pays more income taxes?

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Grim stories ruled the roost this week with the best effort being an HBO film that takes a wry look at the 2000 presidential election.

■ "Recount" — The 2000 race between George Bush and Al Gore gets a satirical spin in this outing which follows the goings-on behind the doors in the corridors of power, as the teams for both nominees fought over the results of Florida's polls. Kevin Spacey anchors this one as a weary member of the Gore team who fights till the bitter end to solve the "hanging chad" debacle. Funny but frustrating for anyone who isn't happy with how things turned

out.

■ "An American Crime" — The horrible, but true, story of the savage fate that befell two youngsters who were sent to live with an overworked housewife for the summer in Indiana (circa the early 1960s). Catherine Keener tries hard as the over-the-edge caregiver, but can't breathe life into this morbid story which is so pared down that it plays like a lame "Lifetime Channel" expose.

■ "Prom Night" — Plodding PG-13 remake of the early 1980s slasher flick which wasn't all that original itself. There are a few jumps here but there's no disguising that this would only barely work if it was aimed towards an older audience. This one should have killed

off the remake cycle but made enough money to guarantee remakes of "Friday the 13th" and "My Bloody Valentine."

■ "The Wizard of Gore" — Here's a remake that works, though the original film wasn't seen by many. The story centers on an illusionist whose act consists of carrying up the prettiest girls in the audience. A detective gets on the case when these volunteers from the audience turn up dead the next day sporting the same wounds they would have received had the tricks been real. Crispin Glover has a field day as the evil magician and there are key appearances by genre vets like Jeffrey Combs ("Re-Animator") and Brad Dourif ("Child's Play").

■ "Street Kings" — Tough cop dra-

ma don't get much more hard boiled than this effort that was adapted from a screenplay by novelist James Ellroy ("L.A. Confidential"). The story centers on a rogue cop who is given a free hand to pursue his partner's killer, but soon loses himself in the investigation after he's targeted by a sharp internal affairs officer (well played by Hugh Laurie). Great dialogue but some confusing plot twists hint at a lot of rewrites which may put off Ellroy fans. Keanu Reeves does little with the lead role but Forest Whitaker shines as his commanding officer.

Next week look for Uwe Boll's latest video game adaptation "Postal," and check out Cameron Diaz in "What Happens in Vegas."

'Rocker' plays a familiar tune

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC



"The Rocker," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for drug and sexual references, nudity and language. Running time: 105 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

"The Rocker" might really have rocked if it didn't feel like a cover of a couple of superior comedies.

The first and most obvious is "School of Rock." As a shlumpy, 40ish drummer who missed his shot at heavy metal stardom, Rainn Wilson is pretty much channeling Jack Black here: the volatile man-child outbursts, the intensely pure feelings about rock music, even some of the crazy eyeball stuff feels way too familiar. And Wilson's character, Robert "Fish" Fishman, similarly gets a chance at redemption when he hooks up with a high school band that unexpectedly finds itself on the rise.

But there are also plenty of elements of "This Is Spinal Tap," one of the greatest musical comedies ever. Twenty years ago, Fish played drums for the up-and-coming Cleveland hair band Vesuvius, but the other members (led by Will Arnett in leopard-print tights, cyclinder and shaggy, blond hair) cast him aside to secure a record deal. Everything about the parody of this type of metal is very

Tap-esque, from the gaudy clothes and cheesy songs to the on-stage explosions and offstage egos.

There was some seriously bad music in the mid-1980s, much of which rears its ugly head in "The Rocker." (Though the use of Europe's overplayed anthem "The Final Countdown" does feel relevant in context.)

Nevertheless, Wilson has an engaging, goofy energy about him, as does the movie itself — for the most part. Peter Cattaneo, who earned an Academy Award nomination for directing "The Full Monty," brings some of the same unabashed, let's-put-on-a-show vibe of that 1997 British-American film.

Having long ago given up his dreams of stardom — but hanging onto the ponytail and

sideburns just in case — Fish now works as a drone answering calls at a customer service center. Once he gets fired and moves in with his sister (Jane Lynch) and her family, he receives an unexpected request. His insecure, heavyset nephew, Matt (the shy, likable Josh Gad), asks him to play the prom with his high-school band when the drummer drops out at the last minute.

Fish struggles with the decision (and, in the process, repeatedly bangs his head on the ceiling of the attic where he's sleeping, a bit of a tired gag from the start) but eventually gives in and joins A.D.D., as they're known. The other two members are sullen, sarcastic bassist Amelia (Emma Stone from "Superbad," who nabs some of the wittiest lines) and pretty-boy lead singer and gui-

tarist Curtis (Teddy Geiger), whose downer lyrics spring from his childhood abandonment issues.

It's all pretty predictable stuff from there. After a rough start at the prom, where Fish unleashes his inner Neil Peart with a raucous solo during Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes," A.D.D. experiences a meteoric rise, thanks to a viral YouTube video. Wilson, co-star of TV's "The Office" — who is never shy about showing off his pasty bod — finds himself doing the full monty here for a protracted laugh.

There is, of course, the obligatory montage as the group records its first album, shoots its first music video, goes on tour and experiences the thrill of groupies. Eventually, they argue but there's never any doubt that they will reconcile. Fish, meanwhile, stays drunk nearly

the whole time, now that he finally has a chance to live out his fantasies 20 years later. (And the fact that it's been 20 years since Vesuvius dumped him is mentioned so many times, it could be a drinking game itself.)

Christina Applegate brings realism and smarts to the role of Curtis' mom, who hops on the tour bus to make sure the kids are safe, and Jason Sudeikis is appropriately smarmy as A.D.D.'s slick manager.

What is a surprise, though, is how tame the music is: A.D.D.'s songs are catchy and poppy and completely innocuous, like something you might hear on Radio Disney. For a guy who used to cat metal for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Fish should demand that the group rock a little harder. Audiences should demand that of this movie, too.

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Faith and Family



KIM'S KORNER 'I'm miserable ... my life is so wretched'

Whoa, what a class we experienced this past Wednesday night. Have you ever found yourself repeating the words in the title to this week's column?

Sorry to say, I sure have, and it hasn't been that long ago either. And thank God for our "Battlefield of the Mind" class.

I, for one, have been having some pretty wild parties lately, self-pity parties that is. And lo



Kim Little Frasure

and b e h o l d , right there in the second paragraph of chapter 22, Joyce Meyers wrote, "You can be pitiful or powerful, but you cannot be both."

And then in big ol' black bold type jumping off the page was "Self-pity is idolatry." What? Yes, self-pity is turning in on ourselves, concentrating on us, our feelings and makes us only aware of our own selves and our own needs and concerns and that is definitely a narrow minded way to live.

Oh, Lord Jesus, forgive me. If there is one thing I never want to do it is to be narrow-minded and only concerned with myself.

"Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not (merely) his own interests, but also each for the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

Not once had I had ever thought during one of those pity-parties I was being self-involved. No, it was more like, "Gloom, despair and agony on me." Poor pitiful me, how I had been wronged.

Wait a minute, how much more self-involved can it get? No matter how hard I tried to be good, stay on the right path, still the unfairness, unjust and outright calamity seem to spring forth in my direction. Then that old Charlie Rich song would come to mind, "Why me Lord, what have I ever done to deserve even one," and you know the rest.

Oh yeah, the more I thought, the more pitiful I felt. Key word there, **THOUGHT!** Remember this class is the "Battlefield of the MIND!"

We can literally exhaust ourselves thinking, and especially thinking the wrong thoughts. And ol' sluf-foot himself, a.k.a. Satan, likes nothing more than to keep our thoughts in the negative and keep us in bondage and from receiving what God has in store.

After reading that we can actually become addicted to self-pity, it was like, "Oh, Lord Jesus, quick, shake it off, Kim. Jump up, hit your knees and get rid of this 'oh, woe is me' mentality."

How many times have we heard to be careful what you pray for, because you may just get it? Then there are times in our lives we can pray for a certain "thing," whatever it may be, and it doesn't seem to come to pass. That's when God knows what is best for us. Not our way, but His. That was a few columns back, He always answers our prayers, maybe not how we would like, but always what is best.

Yes, we may not always get our way, and most importantly we have got to nip those "oh, woe is me" thoughts in the bud when those emotions began to rise.

"Oh God, help me pass this test, for I don't want to go around this mountain even one more time!"

"Til next week, may you be powerful and not pitiful. God bless!

Baptist relief teams serving in Muhlenburg Co.

CENTRAL CITY — The Kentucky Baptist Convention has sent a disaster relief team to assist with ongoing cleanup in areas of Muhlenburg County, in response to extensive damage caused by a tornado in February.

According to Coy Webb, disaster relief associate for the KBC, three volunteers from Auburn, Franklin and Lexington are currently serving in Muhlenburg County. Additional volunteers from Elizabethtown will be joining the effort later this week.

The volunteers will assist with

chainsaw work, brush removal and debris cleanup. Webb said it is uncertain how long the volunteers will serve, and that additional workers are still needed.

Trained volunteers interested in helping may contact the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission Department at 502-489-3527 or 866-489-3527 (toll free in Kentucky) for more information.

Kentucky Baptists are part of a larger network of Southern Baptist volunteers trained to respond to disasters by manning mass feeding operations,

using chainsaws to clear downed trees and limbs, clear mud out of flooded homes and more.

Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers work in conjunction with other organizations, such as the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Together, Southern Baptists compose the third largest relief organization in the United States.

To learn more about Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, go to www.kybaptist.org/dr.

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Amish thriving as population nearly doubles in 16 years

by MARK SCOLFORO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Amish are expanding their presence in states far beyond Pennsylvania Dutch country as they search for affordable farmland to accommodate a population that has nearly doubled in the past 16 years, a new study found.

States such as Missouri, Kentucky and Minnesota have seen increases in their Amish populations of more than 130 percent. The Amish now number an estimated 227,000 nationwide, up from 123,000 in 1992, according to researchers from Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies.

Over the same period, Amish settlements have been established in seven new states, putting them in at least 28 states from coast to coast. The new states are: Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Washington and West Virginia.

"When we think they might be dying out or merely surviving, they are actually thriving," said Elizabethtown professor Don Kraybill, a leading expert on the Amish who shared his research from an upcoming book with The Associated Press.

Also known as Anabaptists, most Amish reject modern conveniences and rely on horse-drawn carriages. They began arriving in eastern Pennsylvania around 1730. Along with English, they speak a German dialect called Pennsylvania Dutch or Pennsylvania German.

Amish couples typically have five or more children. With more than four out of every five deciding in young adulthood to remain within the church, their population has grown steadily. More than half the population is under 21.

A small portion of the increase is also due to conversions to the faith.

The Amish are attracted to areas with relatively cheap farms, a rural lifestyle and nonfarming jobs such as construction or cabinet making that fit their values and allow them to remain independent. In some cases, they have migrated to resolve leadership

problems or escape church-related disputes.

In Intercourse, a town just east of Lancaster popular with tourists, Amish goat farmer Lester Stoltzfus said a number of arca families had moved recently to other states in search of affordable farmland.

"It's fine with me if people move out," Stoltzfus, 37, said from his farm along a country lane hemmed in by cornfields. "There are too many people living here anyway."

Down the road at Fisher's Tin Shop, where stove pipes and decorative items fashioned out of tin hung on the walls, Ben Fisher could not offer any explanation for why the Amish are doing so well. But he said families are on the move all the time.

"They've got to go somewhere," Fisher said.

As they move into new areas, some of the conflicts that occurred years earlier in established Amish settlements are playing out again, often involving issues such as building codes or waste treatment.

In Mayfield, Ky., an area into which a few hundred Amish have moved in recent years, nine men are fighting charges they operated horse-drawn buggies without the flashing lights or orange safety triangles that state law requires.

"They are moving into new states and settling or establishing new settlements in communities where local officials aren't acquainted with them. That creates some misunderstanding on zoning issues or other unique factors in Amish practice," Kraybill said.

At the same time, some businesses have been glad to accommodate the Amish. In Mayfield, hardware store owner Dan Falder said his business is one of several to install hitching posts where the Amish can tie up their horses.

Now when Falder looks across the parking lot, he sees horse manure. "That's new within the last few years," he said.

Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana continue to be the geographic center for the Amish, accounting for about two-thirds of the faith's population. They also accounted for more than half of the total population gain.

But eight states with at least 1,000 Amish residents had higher rates of growth, led by Kentucky, which saw its population jump 200 percent, from 2,835 to 8,505, the study found.

The number of Amish "districts" — congregations that usually consist of two or three dozen families — has increased by 84 percent in the past 16 years, from 929 to 1,711.

The arrival of the Amish can raise land prices, and their self-reliance translates into a relatively low burden on public services.

Dennis Hubbard, a government official in Sheldon Township, Wis., said the newcomers seldom appear in the court system, require long-term care or attend public schools.

"As they live their lives, they really do not become very involved with government," said Hubbard, whose state has seen its Amish population climb 117 percent since 1992.

At least 350 Amish families

migrated into Missouri, New York or Wisconsin between 2002 and 2007. Over the same period, about 520 families moved out of Ohio and some 470 left Pennsylvania.

"One family doesn't go — there is a group of them that goes, like two or three or four," said Fannie Erb-Miller, national editor of *The Budget*, a weekly newspaper serving the Amish that is based in Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Once a settlement has six families and at least one minister, it qualifies to send *The Budget* dispatches about its activities, often with an invitation for others to join it.

"They can continue to let people know: We're here, come visit us, how the land is, the orchards do great or whatever," Erb-Miller said.

Kraybill said only families who use horse-drawn buggies and call themselves Amish were considered Amish for purposes of his research.

Researchers combed Amish publications and mined other sources to determine where

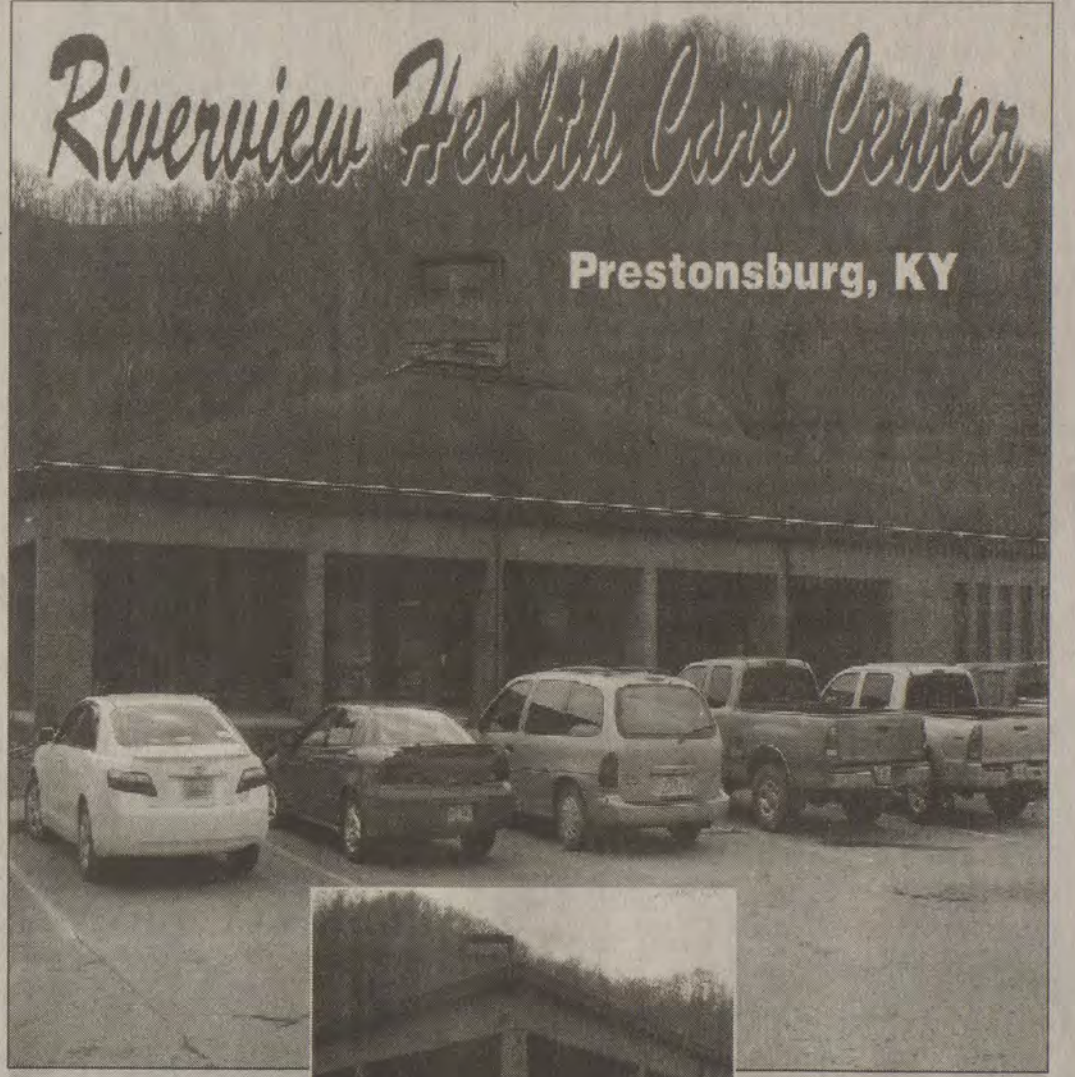
new settlements were being established and to count the total number of districts.

They used a figure of 135 people per church district to calculate population estimates, but the study cautions that its method could result in numbers that are too high for newer settlements and too low in long-established Amish communities.

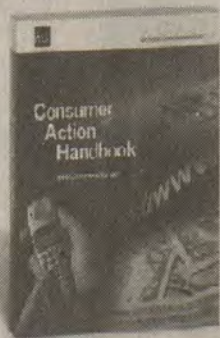
In Ontario, Canada, the only Amish community outside the United States also is growing. It consists of about 4,500 people, up from 2,300 in 1992.

The Amish have noticed their changing demographics. The population boom is posing practical challenges for a people who, for example, often pay non-Amish "taxis" — private vehicles — to take them on longer trips.

"An Amish woman said, 'We joke among ourselves, if we keep growing at this rate, soon half the world will be Amish and the other half will be taxi drivers,'" Kraybill said.



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Question: I have noticed several athletes in the Olympics wearing some weird looking tape. The first one I saw, I thought was a tattoo on a girl's shoulder. Then, I saw others on knees, legs, arms, feet and backs. What is this stuff, and what is its purpose?



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Answer:

The tape that you have been seeing is called Kinesio-Tape (K-Tape), and it serves several purposes. I was introduced to K-Tape over two years ago when I attended a course specifically to learn various taping techniques using this new type of tape. At the time of the course, I was not impressed. As a matter of fact, I was disgusted that I had traveled so far, spent a few hundred dollars and wasted a perfectly beautiful weekend learning techniques I thought I'd never use. However, when I got back to work the next week, I elected to try the tape on a few patients, and the results were fairly remarkable. Needless to say, I'm still using the stuff.

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DINNER DIVA

Proud to be an American

Dear Readers,
Today's column is not your usual cooking stuff, because today, I became an American.

On August 5, 1965, I arrived in this country with my parents and my younger brother and sister. At 7-years-old, I understood that we had left Canada to live in a new country. I don't remember how exactly, but I knew being here was different than being there. Our neighbors in Whittier, CA where we settled in, would ask my mother to bring us children over



Leanne Ely

because she loved listening to our clipped Canadian accents and our very proper manners—at least that is what my mother told me.

But today is what counts because it was by choice, not birth that decided my allegiance. It took a long time to get here—four years, a few bucks to apply, interviews, fingerprinting, background checks and testing. But at last I stood in a room full of people representing 44 different countries. I held up my right hand and swore that I would uphold the law, the constitution and serve my country if necessary. Then I said the Pledge of Allegiance as a brand new American with 100 other new citizens. We waved the little flags they gave us, we clapped, we laughed and then we watched a short video with President Bush welcoming us as Americans. And as the song I'm Proud to Be an American played, they showed

(See DIVA, page nine)



The art of Tim Sizemore is currently on display in the art gallery of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

NOT A PRETTY PICTURE

Sizemore's work aims for stark but sympathetic realism

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Tim Sizemore is a true artist. Working without the flash and flair utilized by many of his contemporaries in the field, Sizemore strives to strike the truth of his subjects and present them to the public in paint.

Sizemore's art is currently on display at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery, where he also serves as instructor of art and director of the art gallery.

"I like to get into the reality of life," Sizemore said. "I don't want to depict it with rose-colored glasses, but truthfully, and tempered by sympathy for my subjects."

The paintings that line the wall of the art gallery are striking, with many of them depicting what could be considered as grim scenes, but each piece appears to be telling

the truth through the medium of art.

One painting shows a man in the foreground with a cigarette jutting from the corner of his mouth and a beer can held fast in his hand at the end of a tattooed arm. Behind him, a woman clutches a child in one arm while another child stands at her side. In the background, yet another child runs in front of a mobile home. Another piece depicts a woman trapped in the tangled sheets of her bed, pills, joints and cigarettes beside her, while dark creatures lurk in the shadows of the room.

The hardships faced by rural people dealing with life in the mountains is the frequent focus of Sizemore's work, and these paintings can be viewed as an extension of his vision. Because of the quality of his work and the honesty that he uses in portraying the life struggles of his subjects, Sizemore has received national recognition, with

exhibitions in the Smithsonian Institute, Berea College, The Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, the Kentucky State Capital Rotunda, Louisville's Folk Art Center, and numerous art exhibits sponsored by the state, along with gracing the cover of Appalachian Heritage Magazine. Sizemore's work is also found in many private collections, and two of his pieces are located at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts.

The public can view Sizemore's art from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the gallery located in the Magoffin Learning Center on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. A guest book is provided at the art gallery where visitors can leave their comments regarding the work.

For more information, contact the art gallery at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64746.



FLY LADY

Headed back to school

One of the hardest documents I ever put together was the Teacher Control Journal. I was determined to let go of my fears and just do it! What was I afraid of you may wonder?

I was scared because the document I was writing was going to be viewed by teachers. Maybe deep down inside I was afraid that it was not going to stand up to their criticism. I was able to let go of my fears because I received an email from a teacher begging for a testimonial that we had sent out last year. She needed help getting ready for the fast approaching school year.

I know in my heart that our simple system of habits and routines can work for everyone. I overcame my fears to reach out and help others. If I do this then any of us can.

We all have fears! It is our perfectionism that keeps us trapped in them and by them! We don't have to give into them another day.

I have to tell you a funny story, I

shared it with my sweet darling over coffee right after I released the Teacher Control Journal! He explained to me that our ladies are above average and the funny incident was evidence of that. I was literally terrified to release the Teacher Control Journal to our teachers. In the email that told the world about the Teacher Control Journal I gave specific instructions on how I had set up my filters to get that message from me. Every email that comes to my inbox without TCJ in the subject line is just another affirmation that my fears were so silly! Each email is another reason to laugh at my perfectionism. What Robert told me is that super intelligent people intuitively skip the instructions. I totally understand this. I have even complained to people at Yahoo and JumpCut that their programs were not intuitive.



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So my dear friends, I have set up filters in many different ways to fill

the requests for Teacher Control Journal. Then I get to look in my inbox and see there is one more way to say it. Isn't that what really makes us special; we are all different and together it just works.

Thank you all so much for overcoming your fears to ask for help! I am here! We can grow together as we put perfectionism in its place! I have spent many hours putting together the Teacher Control Journal. I had some help from a teacher. Her name is Jamie Hawley. I have included her examples in the document.

I have also included a letter to parents and the Student Control Journal. Please just jump right in and start using it. You can adapt it to fit your needs whether you are an elementary, middle, high school or home schooling teacher. Right now the most important part is for you to get it and start to put together your Teacher Control Journal. I cannot do it for

you. Every class is different. I can get you motivated to do it.

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Reffett named to New York Life executive council

Dexter D. Reffett has been named a member of the 2008 Executive Council of New York Life Insurance Company. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of more than 11,000 licensed agents.

As a member of the Executive Council, he is invited to attend the meeting to be held August 24-28, in Seattle, Washington.

Reffett has been a New York

Life agent since 2004, and is associated with New York Life's Kentucky General Office in Louisville.

He has worked in the financial community in Kentucky for 25 years. Reffett graduated from Prestonsburg Community College with Associate Degrees in both Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Morehead State University with a Master of Business

Administration Degree, Louisiana State University with a Graduate Degree in Banking, and graduated from the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma.

He has one son, Adam Keith Reffett, who attends Berea College.

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Seth Wallace and Samantha Meade are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Surprise Wallace, on August 3.



The wedding vows of Ms. Amber Lynn McClain and Bryan R. Stewart were exchanged on Saturday, July 5, at 6 p.m. at the Morehead United Methodist Church in Morehead. Attendants for the couple were: Maid of Honor, Rachel Martin, friend and sorority sister of the bride, Bridesmaids, Megan Ritchey, friend and sorority sister of the bride and Heather McClain, sister of the bride, Junior Bridesmaid, Sharian Fagnano, cousin of the bride. The Best Man was Aaron Wellman, friend of the groom, Groomsmen were Kyle Hawkins, cousin of the groom and Bradley McClain, brother of the bride. Arianna Grayli, cousin of the bride, was the Flower Girl, Ethan Fagnano and Kian Grayli, cousins of the bride, were Ring Bearers. Attending the guest book was Melissa Hawkins, cousin of the groom. Out-of-town guests included the bride's parents, Danny and Michelle McClain of Cincinnati, the bride's grandparents, Captain and Mrs. Paul Allen, of Flatwoods, and the groom's grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Clark, of Madisonville. The groom's parents, Kathy Clark, of Naples Florida, and Jim Stewart, of Lakeview Village, hosted a patriotic themed wedding rehearsal luncheon on July 4 at Reno's Roadhouse in Morehead. Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance was given by the bride's family in the fellowship hall of the church. After a honeymoon to the Marriott Grand Hotel and Resort in Gulf Shores, Alabama, the new couple moved to Naples, Florida.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 898-5979, Renewal
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.90 miles north of Wales and is situated in both Pike and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 15.63 surface acres and will underlie 1619.26 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1634.89. The proposed operation is approximately 1.20 miles northwest from County Road 3514's junction with KY 122 and located along Arnold Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by

Coastal Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by William III and Shirley Hickman, Greg and Velvet Johnson, Randall and Pauletta Johnson, Estill and Stella Johnson, John Jr. and Bonnie Smith, Coastal Coal Company, LLC, Francis Tackett, Pearl Hylton, Jody and Trula Wright, Arthur and Sally Hall, Gary and

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Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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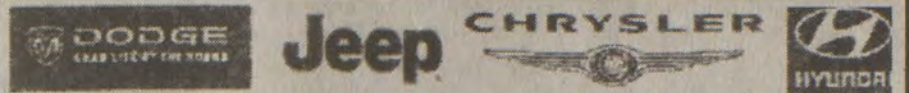


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Politicians discuss energy costs at state fair

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
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LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's top elected officials talked about rising energy costs over fried ham and eggs early Thursday morning at the state fair.

Republican incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell touched on the debate over domestic oil drilling, which has been a hot-button issue in the campaign for U.S. Senate. Bruce Lunsford, McConnell's Democratic opponent, also sat down for a hot meal at the 45th annual country ham breakfast, sponsored by the Kentucky Farm Bureau.

"In order to solve this problem, we have to do everything. We have to both find more and use less," said McConnell, the Senate's top-ranking Republican. McConnell also mentioned coal-to-liquid fuels, nuclear technology and even electric cars.

"We're not too many years away from the time when we'll be plugging in our cars and trucks for the night," he said.

Lunsford, a Louisville entrepreneur, said his energy plan includes expanded drilling, alternative fuels and drawing from the nation's strategic petroleum reserve to lower gas prices.

National politicians in both parties have signaled they are willing to expand offshore exploration, and the issue has

become a hot topic in the presidential and congressional races.

But Lunsford said Republicans are pushing for expanded drilling because it is favored by the oil industry.

"What the Republicans have done led by Mitch McConnell is they have been industry-driven for every solution, because that's who butters their bread," Lunsford said in a phone interview Thursday afternoon. Traditionally, only elected officials speak at the breakfast.

Lunsford released a new TV ad on Thursday that says McConnell has become a millionaire during his four terms in the Senate.

At one point, McConnell and Lunsford stood a few feet away from each other greeting visitors to the breakfast, which annually attracts more than 1,500 to the Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

Gov. Steve Beshear also touched on rising energy costs at the event, and said the state's agriculture industry could offer solutions.

"Kentucky's farmers will no longer be depended on for food, but also fiber and fuels," Beshear said.

The champion ham at the event, weighing 18.32 pounds, fetched \$200,000 from the winning bidder, Republic Bank. The money will go to charity.

Report: Ex-official drank, viewed porn in office

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A report says the state's former top emergency management official resigned after admitting to drinking alcohol and viewing online pornography at the Boone National Guard Center.

Retired three-star Gen. Maxwell Clay Bailey resigned from his post in March.

The Courier-Journal reported Wednesday that a recent report, which it obtained through an open records request from the Transportation Cabinet's inspector general, says Bailey admitted to the allegations. The report says the actions did not affect his job performance.

The report states that Bailey says he was having family and health concerns at the time and regrets any embarrassment he may have caused. A number listed for Bailey in Paris, Ky., was disconnected on Wednesday.

"Bailey explained due to family and health concerns he probably should not have been working," according to the

report.

Bailey, a Kentucky native, was hired by former Gov. Ernie Fletcher to head the state Transportation Cabinet after he retired from the military in 2002.

Previously, Bailey was in charge of Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and had supervised the Air Force's special operations in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Bailey took up his post at emergency management in March 2005.

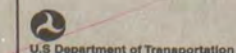
"We're dealing with someone that I really do consider — in the totality of his career — a national hero," Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini, Kentucky's adjutant general, said.

Officials in Gov. Steve Beshear's administration requested the inspector general's investigation, according to the report. The investigation tallied more than 17 hours of interviews and involved 15 current or former employees, the report said.



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