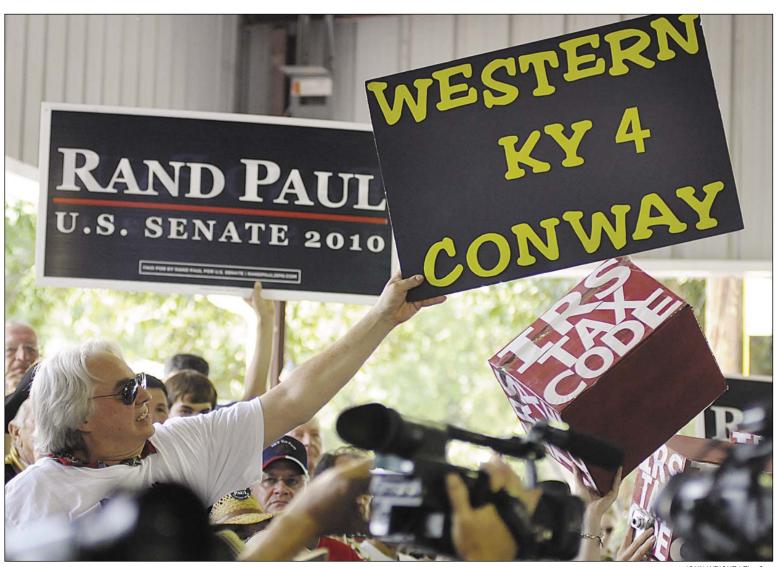




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Picnic speaking lacks the unexpected



A supporter of U.S. Senate candidate Jack Conway uses a sign supporting the Democrat to strike a prop a supporter for Republican opponent Rand Paul was using during Paul's speech at the Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County on Saturday. Paul was discussing how he believes the federal tax code has too many pages to read, prompting supporters in the crowd to hoist red boxes with 'IRS TAX CODE' written on them. More on the Fancy Farm Picnic, Page 7A.

Senate candidates' speeches don't skew from scripts

BY BILL BARTLEMAN

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FANCY FARM — U.S. Senate candidates stuck to their campaign scripts at Saturday's Fancy Farm Picnic before the largest crowd in

recent years.
Republican Rand Paul said
Democrat Jack Conway supports
a liberal Washington agenda that
includes bigger government, more
taxes and more regulations.

He said meeting existing tax laws and regulations is complicated and costs businesses and individuals more than \$1 trillion a year. He said the 16,000-page feder-

"We don't need new regulations; we need to enforce the ones we've got."

Rand Paul

"Rand Paul is against nearly all federal spending except that which feathers his own nest."

Jack Conway

al tax code is seven feet tall while the 79,000 pages of federal regulations are 30 feet tall. "We don't need new regulations; we need to enforce the ones we've got," Paul said.

Paul said the federal government must stop borrowing and balance the budget. He said Democrats believe they can end the recession by creating government jobs. "We believe that private individuals and business create jobs," Paul said.

Conway said Paul's views are too risky and radical for Kentucky because his policies threaten farm subsidies, worker safety and education, all of which are important to Kentucky's future.

He said Paul doesn't believe businesses should be held accountable

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ADAM SHULL I The Sun

Leroy Harper shows off his most prized comic books in his West Paducah home Thursday. Some of the books range in value from \$2 to \$25,000.

Paducah man has comic collection to keep up with nation's growing interest

BY ADAM SHULL ashull@paducahsun.com

Leroy Harper, 48, gets a few snickers when he tells friends and coworkers at USEC he has a massive

workers at USEC he has a massive comic book collection.

The yuks usually stop when Harper tells them how much some of his

8,000 comics are worth.

"The Batman comic is worth about \$8,000," Harper said in his West

Paducah home, referencing a 1940 edition of D.C. Comics No. 1. Beside the comic in a plastic casing with Batman and Robin swinging on ropes sat another one even more valuable.

"I've turned down \$22,000 for this one," Harper said, looking at a 1941 edition of a Captain America comic. Harper estimates the latter to be

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Recent wrecks prompt caution

Officials urge care after latest crashes involving trailers

BY SHELLEY BYRNE

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What you're towing could kill you. Although stringent safety laws exist for cars and trucks, almost none does for the trailers they sometimes pull.

Especially in Kentucky.

Ron Melancon, 46, of Glen Allen, Va., is an ambulance service volunteer who helped rewrite Virginia



Melancon

trailer safety. He founded the website dangerous-trailers.org. and has been on the forefront of urging legislators to adopt more stringent laws. Kentucky is an especially big target for him, he said,

laws to improve

because it is one of eight states that do not require trailers to have safety chains that help prevent disconnection from the vehicles towing them.

"If you choose to build your home without a smoke detector, then you only affect your life," Melancon said. "If you choose to tow a trailer without safety chains, then you affect other people."

Melancon said he is also concerned that most states have no standard for trailer hitches and no system for checking trailers before approving them as safe for the roads.

15,000 dead

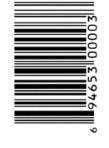
An average of more than one person a day dies in crashes involving trailers, according to federal data. Such wrecks killed 382 people in 2008, the most recent year for which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has statistics.

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Barkley Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors monthly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Midwest Aviation conference room, 200 Hardy Roberts Drive, West Paducah.

West Kentucky Songwriters Chapter, Nashville Songwriters Association International, 6-8 p.m. Curris Center, Murray State University. 293-7252.

Ledbetter Masonic Lodge 952 F&AM, 7 p.m. Meal at 6:15.

Graves County Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., Graves County Library. Refreshments. David Cissell, 247-4010.

Paducah Masonic Lodge No. **127 F&AM,** 7:30 p.m., 24th and Jackson streets. Meal at 6. 443-3127.

Blood drive

11:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m., today, Reidland United Methodist Church, 5515 Reidland Road.

Traffic alerts

Beltline one lane westbound and eastbound from Old Mayfield Road to 21st Street, curb work. Project to continue through mid-September.

U.S. 60 one lane between **Borden Road and Barlow, 8** a.m.-3 p.m., for repairs; work to take about six weeks.

In Our **Schools**

■ Marshall County school board, special session, 4 p.m. Wednesday, board office. Recommendation to approve declaration of school emergency to replace heating/air conditioning system at high school.

■ Calloway County school board, 6 p.m., Thursday, at Calloway County Day Treatment Center, 2003 College Farm Road.

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Workers rally over plant lockout

LOCAL

BY DANIELLE RAY dray@paducahsun.com

METROPOLIS, III. — Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor once said that we don't accomplish anything on our own;

we do it together.

United Steelworkers Local 7-669 echoed that notion Saturday afternoon as more than 1,000 members and supporters marched down East Fifth Street to Fort Massac State Park for a union rally.

Mike Mezo, staff representative for USW's district office in Gary, Ind., was shocked at the turnout — he was expecting only a few hundred attendees. Union workers — including United Mine Workers, millwrights, plumbers and pipefitters from northwest Indiana, Chicago, Calvert City, Paducah and Granite City, Ill. — also gathered to show their support.

"It was a good show of labor solidarity," said Mezo.

The march was in support of union workers at the nuclear fuelproducing Honeywell plant. The company locked its doors June 28 after lengthy negotiations failed to produce a contract agreement. The company and union have met once since then, without substantial advance, said Dave Dowling, director of USW's sub-district 2, headquartered in Granite City.

The company has offered a contract that would offer increased wages over the life of the contract but asks the union to pay a greater portion of health insurance costs, comparable to what other nonunion workers pay, said Honeywell spokesman Peter Dalpe in a statement.

Dalpe said that the facility lost \$100 million over the past 10 years and is on track to lose \$20 million this year. Meanwhile, hourly employees at the plant received an average annual compensation of



Members and supporters of the United Steel Workers Local 7-669 march down East Fifth Street to Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis, III., for a Saturday afternoon rally. The workers have been locked out of Honeywell since the two sides failed to reach a contract agreement June 28.

\$103,000 in 2009, including base pay, overtime and benefits, said Dalpe.

Mezo said the union has offered to cut costs in employee health insurance, pensions and salaries.

Mezo believes money could be the driving force behind the lockout. The plant is the only firststage uranium enrichment facility in the country. It manufactures uranium hexafluoride. Mezo said that upon ratification of a new contract, the company stands to make a large profit from its product as market prices for uranium

hexafluoride continue to rise. But the company refuted the

"There is absolutely no connection between our efforts at the bargaining table to resolve the current work stoppage and our

customer contracts," said Dalpe. Dalpe also released new details about anonymous acts of vandalism and harassment targeting both salaried employees and temporary contingent workers.

Incidents have included threats via telephone and text message, slashed tires, a rock thrown through a house window and herbicide applied to an employee's yard and garden, according to Dalpe.

"These actions do not reflect the way we do things in Metropolis," Dalpe said. "We hope that the union will join us in condemning these dangerous and unproductive behaviors."

Contract talks resume Tuesday.

Contact Danielle Ray, a Paducah Sun staff writer, at 270-575-8657.

Dalton-Russell named WKCTC vice president

Staff report

West Kentucky Community & Technical College has named Belinda A. Dalton-Russell vice president of student affairs.

Student affairs at WKCTC encompasses academic advising, recruiting, career services and student life.

student services at Danville Area Community College in Danville, Ill. She served simultaneously for four years as chief student affairs officer at Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville. She also has worked at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, Ill., Harris Stowe Dalton-Russell most re- State College in St. Louis, degree in sociology/psychol- Her mother, Shirley Virginia **Dalton**cently served seven years as Thomas Edison State College ogy from the Florida Interna- Dalton, resides in Future Russell

State College in Glassboro, N.J., and the University of Memphis.

She earned her doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of Sarasota, master's degree in counseling/higher education administration from Murray State University, a bachelor's associate vice president of in Trenton, N.J., Glassboro tional University, and at the

age of 17 earned an associate degree in counseling services from Shawnee Community College. She completed postdoctoral work at Columbia University in New York.

She is married to Martin Russell. Her father, Dorris Edward Dalton Sr., is a lifelong resident of Wickliffe.



Marshall school regains its cool in time for classes

Staff report

Teachers, staff members and students can expect to start the school year next week with a well air-conditioned Marshall County High School, district facilities director Danny Davis said Friday.

A 400-ton portable air-conditioning unit mounted on a tractor-trailer bed began cooling the Draffenville school Friday. Da- rose to 85 in recent days, Davis vis secured the equipment from Ohio after the school's main unit, which dates to the building's original construction in 1974, stopped working last week. To worsen matters, a secondary system added during a school expansion also no longer works.

The temperature at the school

said. The outlook improved by late afternoon Friday, and Davis predicted teachers would work in comfort Monday. Thursday is students' first day.

The portable unit can handle the cooling job until the district installs a replacement system, Davis said. That process will accelerate after the Marshall school board holds a special meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday to declare a school emergency and hire an engineering firm to design the new system. That will shorten the time needed in the contracting process, he said.

Davis declined to estimate the cost of a new system.

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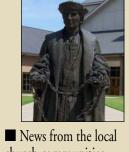


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Emancipation Celebration takes to the streets



The Paducah Tilghman football team walks on Walter Jetton Boulevard during the annual Emancipation Celebration parade Saturday. The team walked behind its new 2009 state championship banner, above.

Patrick Sanger, director for the Paducah Tilghman High School Band of Blue, uses a microphone to excite a large crowd gathered at the corner of Walter Jetton Boulevard and Caldwell Street in Paducah at the end of the parade. The band followed with a pair of songs from the late Michael Jackson, below right.

Tygran Williams, 2, sits on the grassy area that divides Walter Jetton Boulevard and examines a piece of candy that was thrown his way during the annual parade, below left.





COMICS: Man's wife and children don't share his love of comic books

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worth as much as \$25,000.

Harper keeps the valuable comics in a safety deposit box and most of the rest with lesser value stay in his "man cave" — a side room to his home just off of the kitchen lined with stenciled characters and related paraphernalia. It feels like a covert base of operations for a passion and fairly lucrative practice Harper developed over years.

Tucked away in a region with no large-scale comic conventions, Harper embodies his man cave in a wav: a comic collector's diamond in the rough among a nation discovering comics in a big way.

Comic book sales made big news in February after a 1939 book in which Batman makes his debut sold for more than \$1 million. That sale broke a record set just three days earlier when the first comic to feature Superman (a 1938 edition of Action Comics No. 1) sold for \$1 million.

Comic-Con International in San Diego draws 140,000 people and garners national media coverage.

The industry has come a long way, just like the Comic-Con event compared with when it drew 20,000 folks in the late 1980s.

"I sold at Comic-Con in the late '80s as a dealer," Harper

The Clinton native moved to California with his wife, Elizabeth Harper, after high school. While he constantly built up his collection over the years, Harper would go through phases of selling items off.

When he and Elizabeth moved to Paducah in 1991, he kept hold of much of his collection until a friend told him

Comic resource

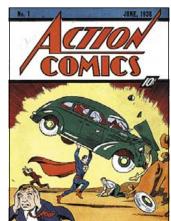
Longtime comic collector and seller Leroy Harper of Paducah said he wants to be a resource to anyone in the area with comics or interested in the genre,

- You call his cell phone at 270-748-9364.
- Any questions regarding comic book values be limited to comics from 1975 or older. Harper doesn't buy or sell any comics more recent.
- Understand that his Captain America comic from 1941 isn't for sale.

Did you know?

Comic books dating to the late 1930s and early 1940s are garnering more than \$1 million price tags. This is partly because of their rarity after the U.S. called for paper drives to aid World War II efforts and many comics were destroyed.





A 1939 copy of Detective Comics No. 27 with the first appearance of Batman sold for \$1,075,500 during an auction in February, left. A copy of Action Comics No. 1 that launched Superman in June 1938 sold for \$1 million at a February auction, right.

in 1999 about a new website called eBay.

Since then he's been selling consistently online, and driving to cities such as Chicago and Charlotte, N.C., for conventions.

Though Harper has plenty of comic connections, his devotion is a little isolated at home.

His wife and three children

— Adam, Ethan and Sara — don't share his love for the artful books.

"He couldn't care less about comics," Harper said, after looking at a photo of Ethan accompanying him on a trip this year to retrieve a collection in Pennsylvania.

Harper said the time spent with his son was much of the

fun on that trip, as are any in which he can involve his family. So Harper said it won't

bother him when he sells off all the books with no one wanting to inherit them.

Well, maybe he'll sell off all

"That one isn't for sale," Harper said, motioning to the Captain America comic.

Contact Adam Shull, a Paducah Sun staff writer, at 270-575-8653.

Schools to keep meal cashiers

Staff report

Penny Holt, Paducah Public Schools food service director, further explained the district's new free breakfast and lunch program on Thursday.

Provision II of the National School Lunch Act, the act that makes the program possible, states that schools utilizing the program can eliminate cashiers and lunch tickets or student identification cards. But Holt said that's not the case at Paducah schools.

Although all students are now eligible for free meals, administrators still must categorize students' lunches into either free, reduced price or paid in order to receive federal reimbursement. However, students' lunch

categories are private; they are entered onto students' ID cards electronically and are applied automatically in the lunch line - no discriminating cards or tickets needed.

The district will also keep lunchroom cashiers to accurately report student participation in the program and ring up a la carte items.

The district's food service program cost just more than \$1.5 million in 2009, including everything from workers to equipment to food, Holt said. That cost was paid mostly with federal funds, paid lunches and a la carte items. With no real changes in lunchroom operation — except the method of finance — Holt expects costs this year to stay about the same.

Columbus ship replicas to dock in Grand Rivers

Staff report

GRAND RIVERS — The Pinta and Nina, replicas of Christopher Columbus' ships, will dock in Grand Rivers on Sept. 3.

The ships will be docked at Green Turtle Bay Resort and remain until early Sept. 7.

The Nina replica was built by hand and without power tools. Archaeology magazine called the ship "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built." The Pinta was recently built in Brazil to accompany the Nina. She is a larger version of the archetypal caravel and offers larger deck space for walkaboard tours. The Pinta is available for private parties while in port.

Both ships tour together as a new and enhanced sailing museum to edu-

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FREEDOM

Eighth of August celebrates progress

Who would have

predicted in

1968, the year

of Dr. Martin

Luther King's

assassination,

that 40 years

later an African-

American

president would

occupy the White

House?

A historical marker in Paducah reads:

"Traditionally on August 8, African Americans assemble in Paducah to celebrate freedom and pay tribute to their roots. They gather annually for dances, ballgames, and picnics, as a family occasion and in a spirit of community remembrance. In some years people have come from as far away as St. Louis, Memphis, and Chicago."

That certainly describes the observance in Paducah this weekend. But the marker doesn't tell the whole story. One might as well say Americans celebrate the 4th of July to

"remember their past"
— leaving out the central element: Independence.
The 4th of July honors the patriots who shed blood to break the chains of tyranny under the English

crown.
Most AfricanAmericans
gained neither
freedom nor
independence
in the

Revolutionary War. They would have to wait another 82 years to taste freedom. And the cost of their freedom was far costlier, the bloodiest conflict in American history.

The 8th of August marker makes no reference — except with the understated phrase "to celebrate freedom" — to the historic event commemorated by the celebration: Emancipation.

Ithough Abraham
Lincoln signed
the Emancipation
Proclamation in September
1862, effectively Jan. 1, 1863,
it did not free the slaves in
Kentucky or any other border

state — slave states that did not secede from the Union. It was a toothless proclamation until the Civil War ended in 1865.

In Kentucky, Tennessee and parts of other states, emancipation is celebrated on the anniversary of the day in 1865 when emancipation was announced: Aug. 8.

ven that doesn't tell the whole story of the 8th of August. It is also a day to measure progress in the march for equality.

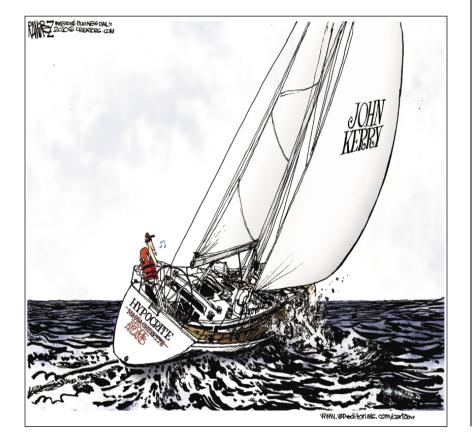
Older Americans remember Jim Crow and segregation and the civil rights struggles of the mid 20th century. But we live in a vastly changed culture

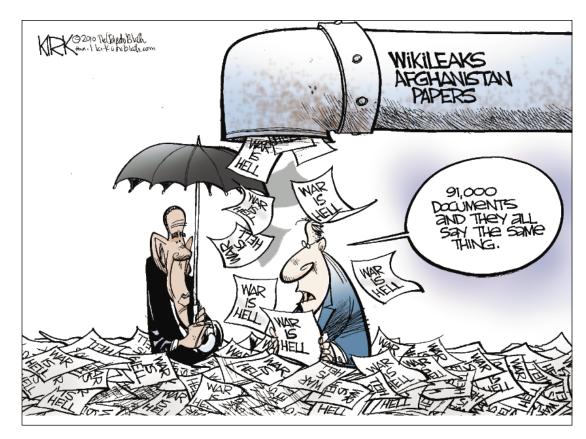
from the previous generation. Who would have predicted in 1968, the year of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, that 40 years later an African-American president would occupy the White House? An African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, the second, is regarded by many as the foremost

Constitutional scholar on the bench. African-American leaders sit in Congress and state legislatures across the country.

The achievements of African-Americans in every field — politics and education, medicine and law, arts and sciences, sports and entertainment — are a testament to individual talent coupled with determination and hard work. But such achievement is also evidence of opportunity, opportunity not available in previous generations.

The work is not done. But there is much to celebrate.





Obama's aloofness distancing constituents

"The trouble with you is," she continued steadily, "you think people should stay in their own sealed packages. You don't believe in opening up. You don't believe in trading back and forth."

"I certainly don't," Macon said, buttoning his shirt front. Anne Tyler, "The Accidental Tourist"

WASHINGTON — If politics were literature, Bill Clinton would be Tom Buchanan in "The Great Gatsby," casually smashing lives around him while remaining untouched by the chaos he creates. Barack Obama is more like Macon Leary in "The Accidental Tourist," the author of tour guides who hates travel. "He was happiest with a regular scheme of things" — a cautious driver and committed flosser, systematic and steady, suspicious of unpredictable yearnings, displaying an "appalling calm" in times of crisis. "If you let yourself get angry you'll be ... consumed," Macon says. "You'll burn up. It's not productive." Only order and method are productive. He is attracted to the "virtuous delights of organizing a disorganized country."

Macon uses structure and rationality to avoid facing personal loss. Obama's emotional distance seems rooted in self-sufficiency — a stout fortress of self-confidence. But the effect is much the same. Obama leads a country without reflecting its passions — at least any he is willing to share. Events leave him apparently untouched. He doesn't need the crowd. Americans have always loved Obama more than he seems to care for

Reaction to this trait is one of the main dividing lines in American politics. Some view it as cold, cerebral and off-putting. Obama supporters still find his reserve refreshing, a



Michael Gerson

welcome contrast to emotive and theatrical politicians. For me — constitutionally averse to hugging, back-slapping and other forms of politically motivated manhandling — Obama's manner has a certain appeal. It offers some of the pre-Oprah presidential dignity of Rutherford B. Hayes or James Garfield.

Obama's challenge is not a lack of theatrics. It is a lack of range. The most effective modern presidents — a Franklin Roosevelt or a Ronald Reagan were able to adopt a number of tones and roles. They could express grand national ambition, withering partisan contempt, humorous self-deprecation, tear-jerking sentimentality, patriotic passion — sometimes all in the same speech. They played an orchestra of arguments and emotions — blaring trumpets, soft violins, rude tubas.

Not every president — not even every successful president has this kind of versatility. But Obama's monotone manner has worn poorly. During the primaries, his cool detachment highlighted Sen. John McCain's alarming excitability. As president, Obama's rhetorical range runs from lecturing to prickly — the full gamut from A to C. His speeches are symphonies performed entirely with a tin whistle and an accordion. To switch metaphors, Obama is a pitcher with one pitch. He excels only at explanation. Initially this conveyed a chilly

competence. But as the impression of competence has faded, we are left only with coldness.

In retrospect, one of the defining moments of the Obama presidency may have been his first two minutes in public after the Fort Hood shooting — the initial test of his extemporaneous leadership. "Let $m\bar{e}$ first of all just thank Ken and the entire Department of the Interior staff for organizing just an extraordinary conference," said Obama. "I want to thank my Cabinet members and senior administration officials who participated today. I hear that Dr. Joe 'Medicine' Crow was around, and so I want to give a shout-out ..."

Obama's "appalling calm"

has been seen following bank abuses, a terrorist bombing attempt and an oil spill. And it is more than just a stylistic drawback. Obama has adopted a risky, costly, necessary military strategy in Afghanistan. Yet the rhetorical resources he has devoted to its defense have been meager. Can a wartime president succeed without providing inspiration and expressing determination? What if even greater national exertions become necessary in North Korea or Iran? Sometimes it is not sufficient to organize a disorganized country. It must be led.

"Before the orator can inspire audiences with any emotion," argued Winston Churchill, "he must be swayed by it himself. When he would rouse their indignation his heart is filled with anger. Before he can move their tears his own must flow. To convince them he must himself believe."

Obama's limited rhetorical range raises questions about the content of his deepest beliefs. For this reason among others, the man who doesn't need the love of crowds is gradually losing it.

Letters

Drivers caught texting should face more than mere \$25 fine EDITOR:

Text driving probably kills and injures at least as many people as drunk driving. So what happens if you get caught? You're subject to a whopping \$25 fine.

Violators should be charged with reckless driving or, at the very least, improper driving.

About this incredibly wimpy law, I would just like to say: Look ma — no teeth.

KENNETH LOYD Paducah

People, governments must stop living beyond means

EDITOR

It appears that people forget the history of the Great Depression and the lessons that it taught. The financial problems that the government — whether it is local, state or federal level — faces can be traced to greed as well as the attitude that they are entitled to have it now, not when they can afford it.

About 10 years ago I came across a list of "Ten Cannots by Abraham Lincoln," which are 10 principles that people should follow to get ahead in life. The truth is that "The Ten Cannots" are still valid and would stop the money problems that are

occurring when faithfully followed.

Here is the list of "cannots":

- You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
 You cannot help small men by tearing down
- big men.

 3. You cannot strengthen the weak by weaken-
- ing the strong.
 4. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling
- down the wage payer.
 5. You cannot help the poor man by destroying
- the rich.
 6. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
- 7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man
- by inciting class hatred. 8. You cannot establish security on borrowed
 - 9. You cannot build character and courage by
- taking away man's initiative and independence.
 10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

When the average citizen finally wakes up and sees that history repeats itself until people stop being greedy and self-centered and living beyond their means, the problems with money will not disappear.

WILLIAM ARNOLD Paducah

TRAILERS: 'A big load, if you're even up to the weight limit, you need to go 5 or 10 miles under the speed limit'

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Agency reports showed 15,211 people have died in wrecks involving trailers since 1975. In Kentucky, 182 people have lost their lives in such wrecks. Since 1988, 5,541 people have been injured in Kentucky wrecks involving trailers, 9,770 properties have been damaged, and the value of the damage to those properties is estimated at \$427.5 million.

Recent wrecks in western Kentucky and southern Illinois highlight the problem.

■ On July 10, two people died in Massac County, Ill., after a Ford Explorer towing a loaded single-axle trailer ran off Interstate 24. State police said the trailer started whipping back and forth, causing the driver to lose control.

■ On July 19, a wreck on the I-24 bridge over the Ohio River closed both east and westbound lanes for two hours. According to the Mc-Cracken County Sheriff's Department, the driver of a westbound pickup truck pulling a trailer lost control and swerved into a tractor-trailer. The truck landed on one side, and firefighters had to free the driver.

■ On July 23, a pickup truck pulling a trailer on which another truck was riding hit a concrete bridge wall on I-24, a mile west of the Husbands Road exit. Deputy Sheriff Chad Shaw said the driver and a passenger had stopped at the 8 mile marker after the weight of the load broke a trailer hitch. They attached the trailer to the truck's rear bumper and continued down the highway two more miles before the weight broke the bumper, causing the trailer and truck to sway out of control, hit the bridge,



LANCE DENNEE | The Sun

A pick-up on a trailer is on its side at the scene of a wreck on Interstate 24 near Exit 11 on July 23. James Jackson, 23, of Princeton was traveling east when he struck the bridge, causing the trailer that was hauling a pick-up to overturn.

and flip the trailer and the truck on it onto their sides.

A dealer's advice

Teddy Wynn, owner of Kentucky Lake Trailer Sales in Calvert City, has seen many of the problems people inexperienced with pulling a trailer have. Travelers often see his lot while driving down I-24 and stop for repairs.

"The main thing I see is people overload the trailer with more than it's rated to hold," he said. "Therefore they're bending axles and blowing out tires.

They also drive too fast.

"A big load, if you're even up to the weight limit, you probably need to go 5 or 10 miles under the speed limit," he said. "(With those going faster) the trailer gets to weaving, and before you know it, they've wrecked it."

Sway bars that hook to a trailer hitch can help prevent some of the instability, Wynn said.

People also don't realize they need to outfit the vehicle towing the trailer with appropriate mirrors and, in some cases, an electric brake controller that controls the electric brakes on the trailer, he said.

The best way to prevent problems is to take time to check a trailer before and as

it is being loaded, Wynn said.Make sure the lights are working properly. Make sure the load is balanced.

Hayden

Make sure the tires stay properly inflated under the weight of the load.

Kentucky law

Trailers 18 feet and shorter that are privately owned and being used for personal business do not have to be licensed in Kentucky, Mc-Cracken County Sheriff Jon Hayden said. Those used commercially must have license plates. Trailers need turn signals and taillights only if the

Trailer Safety Tips

- Distribute cargo weight evenly along the Make wider turns at curves and trailer's length and width.
- Make sure brake lights, taillights and turn signals are working and easily visible.
- Check side and rearview mirrors to ensure good visibility.
- Attach safety chains from trailer to
- trailer hitch. Check tire condition and pressure on
- wheel bolts are tightened. Drive at moderate speeds. Trailer sway is more likely to occur as speed in-

the vehicle and trailer. Make sure all

- creases. Avoid sudden steering that might create
- undue side force on the trailer. Slow down when traveling over bumpy
- roads, railroad crossings and ditches.

- corners.
- Allow considerably more distance for
- Avoid passing on steep upgrades or
- downgrades. On long downgrades, apply brakes at
- intervals to keep speed in check. Never leave brakes on for extended periods or they may overheat.
- When uncoupling a trailer, place blocks at the front and rear trailer tires to ensure the trailer does not roll away.
- An unbalanced load may cause the tongue to suddenly rotate upward; therefore, before uncoupling, place jack stands under the trailer's rear to prevent injury.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



trailer or load obscures the towing vehicle's lights.

Loads protruding more than four feet behind a trailer must be marked with two red flags during the day and two red lights at night. Loads subject to spilling or shifting must be covered if traveling more than one mile.

The recent wrecks concern Hayden.

"A lot of people who own these trailers may use these trailers just a very few times a year, and oftentimes they'll pull these trailers out into the

woods and out of the way, and then they'll hook up to them and load them with 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of cargo and pull them on the public right of way," he said.

He urged those pulling trailers to allow greater distances for stopping and not to follow other vehicles too closely.

They should also safely strap their loads down. Hayden recalled a wreck in which someone swerved to avoid a recliner that had fallen off a trailer and was seriously injured.

Finally, Hayden said, drivers should check trailer tires for dry rot and proper infla-

"If you had a car you drove once or twice a year and pulled it out in the woods and left it for six to eight months, would you just get in it and take off on a trip without inspecting it and making sure everything works?" he asked.

Contact Shelley Byrne, a Paducah Sun staff writer, at 270-575-8667.

Region

Man struck, killed after passing out in Lexington street

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky State Police say a man who had likely been drinking was struck and killed after he passed out in the road.

The Lexington Division of Police determined the victim had stopped his Ford Expedition in the northbound lane of Old Frankfort Pike before getting out, throwing up and passing out in the southbound lane.

A Honda Civic traveling southbound toward Lexington ran over the man who was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Lawnmower blade flies through wall into house

SHELBIANA — Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne Rutherford has parked all county-owned lawnmowers

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indefinitely while officials investigate why a 12-pound blade flew off a mower there and into a house.

Valerie Keene, 47, of Shelbiana said the blade flew 500 feet before cutting through the wall of her house and landing in the room where her infant daughter was sleeping.

Rutherford spokesman Brandon Roberts said all the county's mowers will be inspected but the county is considering getting rid of all its current mowers and replacing them with sickle-bar mowers.

Man killed when tree crushes SUV

PIKEVILLE — A Pike

County man has been killed when a storm toppled a tree onto his sport utility vehicle.

Teresa Reynolds of the Phyllis community said the large tree came down across Route 194 on Thursday afternoon and crushed the vehicle.

Firefighters say it appears the driver was killed instantly.

Neighbors say the man was driving home and was within a mile of his house when the storm struck.

Associated Press

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Barbara Patton

Barbara J. Patton, 70, of den County, died at 11:17 a.m. Friday at Western Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Patton was a member



Church and a retired cos-

Survivors include two daughters, Beckv

Jones of Dycusburg and Rene Futrell of Paducah; three sons, Dave Tharp of Benton and Roger Tharp and Donnie Tharp, both of Paducah; one sister, Sue Watson of Paducah; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Lee Tharp; her second husband, Ilez Patton; one daughter, Vickie Short; and one son, Ricky Tharp. Her parents were Virgil Lockett Yates and Naomi Grace Gilland Yates.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with funeral home. the Rev. Jeff Gibson officiating. Burial will be at Union Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 until 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Elias López

Elias López, 78, of West Paducah died July 17, 2010, at

Lourdes hospital. A native of Sucre, Bolivia,



was a retired tool design engineer for Rohr in Riverside, Calif., and of the Catholic

Mr. López

Surviving are his wife, Lilia Ana López; two daughters, Nancy Tyacke of Hemet, Calif., and Isabel Graczyk of San Marcos, Calif.; two sons, Alvaro López of Riverside, Calif., and Fernando López of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Luz Lópea Vda de Ruiz and Olga López Aguirre, both of Cochabamba, Bolivia; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Isabel Viaña López.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. (PST) Thursday at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in San Marcos,

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, 1147 Discovery St., San Marcos, CA 92078-1313.

Lindsey Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

John Allen

HAZEL — John Allen, 70, of Hazel died Friday at Western Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Allen was a retired electrician with Ford Motor Company and a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are one son, Mark Allen of Hazel; one daughter, Michelle McKnight of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three grandchildren, Cole G.O. Allen and Jessica C.V. Allen, both of Hazel, and Steven J. McKnight of Flagstaff, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Viola Nield Allen.

A memorial service will be held later. Imes-Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Novelist won praise

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tony Judt, a highly praised and controversial historian, died Friday.

Judt was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2006 for his history of modern Europe, "Postwar."

Rose Sanders

BROOKPORT, III. — Rose Paducah, formerly of Critten- Mary Sanders, 86, of Brookport, formerly of Metropolis, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at her home.

Surviving are two sisters, of Temple Lilleth Vickers of Milan, Baptist Tenn., and Gondee Harrison of Brookport and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death metologist. by one sister and three brothers. Her parents were Wiley and Mary Lynch Sanders.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Otterbein Cemetery in Pope County.

There will be no visitation. Miller Funeral Home in Metropolis is in charge of arrangements.

Norman Younkin

HERRIN, III. — Norman "Pappy" Younkin, 94, of Metropolis, formerly of Herrin, died at 8:45 a.m. Friday at Southgate Healthcare Center.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Johnson-Hughes Funeral Home in Herrin. Burial will be at East Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. this evening at the

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hurricane Baptist Church, c/o Johnson-Hughes Funeral Home, 201 S. 13th St., Herrin, IL 62948.

Colleen Moore

MURRAY — Colleen Moore, 82, of Murray died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Arrangements were incomplete at J.H. Churchill Funer-

Anthony Farmer

Anthony Farmer, 59, of Industries Paducah died at 7:45 p.m. Friday at University of Louisville Hospital.

Arrangements were incomplete at Pettus-Rowland Funeral Home.

Mattoon wants FutureGen answers

BY DAVID MERCER

Associated Press

MATTOON, III. — Angela Griffin spent Friday morning on the phone and in interviews trying to learn why the crown jewel of the FutureGen clean-coal experiment won't be coming to eastern Illinois.

Griffin led the local campaign to bring the idea of the project to

Mattoon.

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Griffin

s t i l l doesn't know a lot about the federal government's abrupt decision to radically rewrite its plans for FutureGen, the on-again, off-again power plant project the town has celebrated, mourned and puzzled over the past few years.

The planned plant is gone, but Griffin says the Department of Energy's new plan to retrofit an existing plant 120 miles west and use Mattoon to store carbon dioxide generated there could still be a good job creator — with 75 to start.

But Griffin knows people around town — after spending well over a million dollars and thousands of hours wooing FutureGen — aren't happy to learn that, in the end, they'll sit on top of millions of tons of someone else's greenhouse gases.

"They have invested and invested so much in what they thought was going to become a flagship facility," she said. "And the spinoff economic activity that comes



A sign in a window in Mattoon, III., welcomes the FutureGen clean coal project to town. The town's succeeded to bring a power plant to town, but learned recently that the federal government no longer wants to build the plant in the town.

with that — those opportunities appear to be gone, and folks are very unhappy about that."

Mattoon was chosen in December 2007 as the site for FutureGen. The Energy Department and FutureGen Alliance, a group of coal mining companies and other firms, planned to build the power plant to prove that coal could be burned to make electricity while the carbon dioxide that makes coal a pollution problem could be captured and safely stored underground.

Since then the eastern Illinois town of 18,000 has watched the Bush administration pull its support over cost concerns that a federal auditor later said were based on faulty data, and then saw the project revived with a new president from Illinois in office.

The project promised 1,300 construction jobs and 150 high-skilled positions to a place that has struggled to replace jobs lost to the Rust Belt collapse of the 1970s and '80s.

On Thursday, the town and the FutureGen Alliance learned about the Department of Energy's plans for major changes. The department now plans a \$1.2 billion project — including \$1.1 billion in federal stimulus money — to retrofit a coalfired plant owned by Ameren Corp. in Meredosia, Ill..

That plant will try out a relatively new technology known as oxy-combustion — using pure oxygen to combust fuel rather than air and pump its carbon dioxide to Mattoon through a 175-mile pipeline to be built as part of the project. The Mattoon plant would have tested a different technology to burn coal before capturing and storing the carbon.

There are also plans for a training center in Mattoon to teach people how to retrofit plants like the one in Meredosia, though the department said the details are still to be worked out.

The Energy Department says that if the new Future-Gen project works, potentially dozens of other power plants in Illinois and surrounding states will need to be updated to meet changes in clean air standards and could be retrofitted and connected to the pipeline.

That position at the center of a network of carbon capture and storage should excite Mattoon, said Matt Rogers, a senior adviser to Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

If the project works, Mattoon could wind up with more jobs than the original FutureGen would have created, Rogers said.

Rogers called the department's decision to change the project without first consulting with Mattoon or the FutureGen Alliance companies less than ideal. But he said a Sept. 30 deadline to finalize stimulus-funded projects made it a necessity.

'This wasn't something where we had the time to sort of work through a long process," Roger said.

Alliance members met Friday to discuss the shift in FutureGen's plans. Steve Winberg of member CON-COL Energy said afterward the group "looks forward to moving the project to the new phase," including familiarizing themselves with the details.

Rogers' also said Energy Department officials plan to head to Mattoon and Meredosia soon to explain the changes. In Mattoon, Energy Department officials will face a hard sell.

'Right now I'm pretty frustrated," said Cory Sanders, who owns a real estate agency in town. "Mattoon's becoming a dumping ground."

Deaths

Yarnell starred as half of mime team

Lorene Yarnell, a dancer who became half of the Shields and Yarnell comedy mime team that came to fame in the 1970s and briefly starred in their own TV variety series, has died. She was 66.

Yarnell died July 29 of a brain aneurysm while watching television with her husband, Bjorn Jansson, at their home in Sandefjord, Norway, said Robert Shields, her former husband and show business part-

The Los Angeles-born Shields, who received a scholarship to legendary mime Marcel Marceau's school in Paris in 1970, went on to become a street mime in San Francisco's Union Square, where he was known as one of the city's top tourist attractions.

Yarnell was a dancer on "The Carol Burnett Show," "The Dean Martin Show" and other top TV variety pro-

After working together and separately as mimes in San Francisco — Shields passed the hat performing in Union Square and Yarnell did the same in Ghirardelli Square — they moved to Los Angeles in 1975 and their career took off when they became regulars on "The Mac Davis Show."

A stint as regulars on CBS' "The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour" led the network to give them their own show in 1977. A successful half-hour summer variety series, "Shields and Yarnell" was a blend of mime, dancing and comedy sketches, most famously including recurring sketches in which they played a robot couple called the Clinkers.

The show returned to CBS in January 1978 but was opposite the top-rated "Laverne & Shirley" on ABC and was dropped after two months of low ratings.

Although they were divorced in mid '80s, they worked together on and off until 2009.

Shiley was co-inventor of heart valve

SAN DIEGO — Donald P. Shiley, who was the coinventor of an artificial valve that revolutionized heart surgery and who later used his fortune to support medical research, the arts and education, has died. He was 90.

Shiley died July 31 in San Diego after several years of failing health.

With partners, he invented an artificial valve that was a quantum improvement over previous valves. "It just came to me. I jumped up and ran to my workbench and sketched it, and then I hurried to the lab and built a model, and it turned out that it worked," he once said.

In 1964 he formed his own company, Shiley Laboratories, and with a new partner, Swedish cardiologist Dr. Viking Bjork, refined what became known as the Bjork-Shiley heart valve.

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Visitors to the Fancy Farm Picnic walk past the Rand Paul's Waffle House prop on Saturday, left. Supporters of Jack Conway, Paul's Democratic opponent for U.S. Senate, set up the prop to promote the idea that Paul, a Republican, waffles on issues and does not stay set with his beliefs. Trooper Trevor Pervine of the Kentucky State Police watches the crowd for troublemakers during the political speaking, right.

Picnic tidbits: From fly swatters to the Waffle House

BY BILL BARTLEMAN

bartleman@paducahsun.com FANCY FARM — The Graves County Sheriff's Department had plenty of help with security at Saturday's

Fancy Farm Picnic. Chief Deputy Sheriff Dewayne Redmon said officers received information of possible demonstrations and activity from outside groups that raised concerns and promoted a request for help.

He did not give details of the threat, but said it was related to the high-profile race for the U.S. Senate between Republican Rand Paul and Democrat Jack Conway.

He said as many as 30 officers were at the picnic, up from the normal eight deputies who in the past casually patrol the picnic grounds. They represented the sheriff's department, Kentuckv State Police, Mayfield police and U.S. Capitol police, who protect U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate Republican

Uniformed officers were stationed around the speakers' platform. Redmon said officers in plain clothes also were stationed throughout the crowd.

No incidents or demonstrations were reported. "It is better to be prepared and be safe than to be sorry," Redmon said.

Waffle House

Conway's Senate campaign set up a mock restaurant to criticize what they say have been position changes by

It was modeled after a Waffle House restaurant, implying that Rand has waffled on issues such as farm subsidies, term limits, national security and sources of campaign contributions.

Volunteers passed out a menu with items such as the "term-limit scramble: Rand won't eat these, but insists you do."





Crowds mill around at the picnic on Saturday, left. Beth Keeling of Frankfort checks her bingo card, right.

Reaction to the political prop was mixed. Most Democrats laughed as they read the menu, while two Republicans who walked by wondered aloud if the use of the Waffle House theme violated federal copyright laws.

2009 remembered

There were two references to Conway's use of a profanity at last year's picnic in an attempt to describe his roughness.

The Rev. William Medley, bishop of the Owensboro diocese, said he had two prayers for the event. The first was "Lord may our words be those of grace and tenderness today for tomorrow we may have to eat them."

Last year, post-picnic criticism resulted in Conway offering an apology to the members of the St. Jerome Catholic

Church, the picnic sponsor. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell noted that the picnic was being broadcast live on KET and C-SPAN. He said that when it came time for Conway to speak, the networks would implement a seven-second delay so they could bleep any of Conway's salty comments.

Candidates for governor

Reporters spent the day trying to figure out who in the crowd might be running for governor next year.

House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins said he's been encouraged to run, but said he's happy in the legislature and working to get Democrats elected to the House in this year's elections. At least he's happy for now.

"I've learned along time ago not to rule anything out," he said.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson made it clear in remarks prepared for delivery at the picnic that he's considering running for governor.

His term as secretary of state ends next year and he is barred by the state constitution for seeking a third term.

The only problem for Grayson was that his allotted time for speaking ran out before he could talk about his interest in running for governor. Here's what he would have

said: "As I look to the future, I

don't know what role I may

play, if any. But I can tell you this, Frankfort is still broken and we need more good leaders to fix it. That's why we need a governor who actually has an agenda for the next four years."

He hinted he might run for attorney general, saying Kentucky needs at attorney general willing to fight against federal government programs.

Senate President David Williams was present at Republican events and also has made no secret he wants to



run next year. He's been talking to Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer about being his running mate. A possible announcement is several weeks off.

Two announced candidates for governor were highly visible: Gatewood Galbraith, running in 2011 as a Democrat, and Republican Phil Moffett, at 270-575-8651.

a Louisville businessman running as a tea party movement candidate.

Fly swatter enforcement

Mark Wilson, chairman of the political speaking, put out an early warning for the crowd to behave. He brandished a large fly swatter and told the crowd that he'd call out the law enforcement swat team if they got out of hand.

"Make our mommas proud and act fairly civilly," said Wilson, emphasizing "fairly" with a smile.

The crowd, however, was loud in voicing support or displeasure that made it difficult at times to hear speakers, who appeared unfazed by the anticipated attempts at interrupting.

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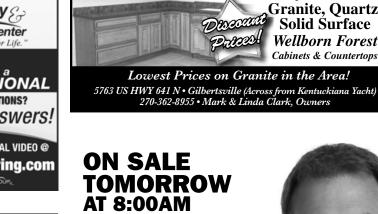
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A woman raises a sign during the political speaking portion of the Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County on Saturday. The 'Boo' sign was raised during the speeches of both Democrat Jack Conway and Republican Rand Paul.

FANCY FARM: Speeches were similar to those the candidates gave at other events earlier in the week

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when there are incidents such as the Gulf oil spill, the coal mine explosion that killed workers in West Virginia or the financial failures on Wall Street. "He just thinks accidents happen," Conway said.

"Rand Paul is against nearly all federal spending except that which feathers his own nest," Conway added.

The Fancy Farm speeches were similar to speeches they gave at other events earlier in the week. Officials estimated more than 10,000 people attended the picnic throughout the day, while more than 3,000 were present for the political speaking.

For some, the lack of theatrics and the unexpected was disappointing. "The buildup and expectation was a lot more exciting than the reality of what happened," Robert Ellis of Henderson County said.

Jeff Moyer of Lexington said he was hoping for political fireworks that would become part of the picnic's history. "I was hoping for something that I could look back on and say 'I was there when that happened," he said. "It wasn't much more than a sparkler in the sunlight."

However, the politically divided crowd cheered, chanted and booed as candidates and other state-elected officials spoke. The rancorous behavior didn't bother or disrupt any of the speakers.

Paul, however, appeared nervous as he approached the podium and stood silent for a moment as he surveyed the crowd. He then read his remarks from a prepared text.

Conway looked at his supporters, speaking to them and ignoring chants of Paul

supporters.
U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell focused his remarks on the unpopularity of President Barack Obama in Kentucky, and the need to elect Paul to help in the fight against liberal Democratic policies.

"Those who stand with Obama don't stand with Kentucky."

Sen. Mitch McConnell

"Jack Conway
is in the
mainstream and
Rand Paul is the
extreme."

Gov. Steve Beshear

He said Conway is for Obama's heath care, in favor of taxes on energy produced by Kentucky coal, and against limiting government to help create new jobs in the private sector.

"Those who stand with Obama don't stand with Kentucky," McConnell said. "We know better than to send Jack Conway to Washington to rubber stamp Obama's agenda."

Gov. Steve Beshear touted his own record as governor and said he's provided leadership to get bipartisan support to improve public safety, adopt a more effective economic development incentive program and maintain funding for education when the budget has been cut by more

than \$1 billion in three years.

He also offered strong support for Conway, saying Paul has radical views. "Jack Conway is in the mainstream and Rand Paul is the extreme," Beshear said.

McConnell and Paul left the picnic grounds immediately after speaking and avoided reporters with the help of security personnel, who had vehicles parked a few feet from the rear exit of the speakers' platform.

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Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks in support of U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul as TV lights illuminate the face of Jack Conway, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, at the Fancy Farm Picnic on Saturday, right. Conway sits next to Gov. Steve Beshear, who spoke on Conway's behalf earlier.

Conway, above, and Paul, below, talk to the crowd during the political speaking portion of the picnic.





