



New cartoonist to be featured in 'Mercury'

Since 1997, David Reddick has been the full-time editorial cartoonist for The Herald Bulletin in Anderson, Ind., and has served as the full-time newsroom graphic artist since 1998.

Reddick's editorial cartoons are distributed nationally by the Scripps Howard News Service reaching up to 450 newspapers nationwide, and distributed regularly to major newspapers including USA Today, Newsweek, The Boston Globe, National Forum, The Washington Post and McClure Hill Publishing.

His cartoons have appeared in various magazines, corporate reports, on posters, and in publications throughout the United States, England and Canada, and were highlighted in the 1999, 2000 and 2001 editions of the "Best Editorial Cartoons of the Year" book, by Pelican Publishing.

Reddick's editorial cartoons also appear daily on www.politicalcartoons.com, www.indianacartoons.com, www.centralindiana.com and www.theheraldbulletin.com.

Ten of his editorial cartoons appeared in a group exhibition of editorial cartoons from around the world in the "Press International Meeting of Satirical Cartoons Exhibit in Carquefou, France," in February 2000. Six of David Reddick's editorial cartoons have been recently included in the permanent collection of the Muskegon Museum of Art in Muskegon, Mich.

Reddick is also a member of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. In addition to his editorial cartoons, Reddick also produces a daily single-panel gag cartoon called "Reddick's Rhetoric," which runs daily in his home newspaper and on inside pages in many others. These quick, witty cartoons on everyday life are syndicated worldwide by Artisans Syndicate and have appeared syndicated in King Features Syndicate's "The New Breed" and "Woman's World" magazine to name a few.

Reddick is also an illustrator. His works have been honored with national and state awards including the 1999 Hoosier State Press Association 1st Place Award for Best Illustration, the 2000 Hoosier State Press Association 1st Place Award for Best Illustration, the 2000 Hoosier State Press Association 1st Place Award for Best Illustration, and the 2000 Hoosier State Press Association 1st Place Award for Best Illustration.

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Six reasons to oppose President Bush's plan for government-funded religion

The dangers of President George W. Bush's government-funded religion plan became hideously clear on July 24, when U.S. District Judge Charles R. Simpson, III, ruled that Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, which receives more than half of its \$19 million annual budget from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, could fire Alicia Pedreira because her "admitted homosexual lifestyle is contrary to the Catholic Church's teaching on human dignity and the sanctity of marriage." It didn't matter that Alicia's job was entirely taxpayer-funded. It didn't matter that her supervisor called her a "most obedient employee." It didn't matter that the parents of one child under her care said the child had made no therapeutic progress until Alicia became pregnant. The court ruling is a starting example of the Bush plan, which would allow employees in publicly-funded jobs at religious organizations whose private lives are unmarriageable to be fired if they are living together, or otherwise don't conform with the organization's religious values.

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Russell Allen Letcher

New arrival

Tim and Traci (Stone) Letcher of Lexington announce the birth of their first child, Russell Allen.

He was born May 23 at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. He was born at 8:37 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. His maternal grandmother is Karen Stone of Clearfield. His paternal grandparents are Jim and Judy Letcher of Cynthia and the late Judy Mitchell Letcher. He is the great-grandchild of Geneva Mitchell and Eugene and Ruby Letcher of Carlisle.

Festival features local farm products, crafts

The annual Mountain Market Festival at Natural Bridge State Resort Park in Powell County is a showcase for local farm products and crafts.

Throughout the day, an open-air market will feature farm-fresh produce, handmade regional crafts, and other local products for sale. Visitors also can learn some of the tricks of the trade from two state park chefs in a chef's culinary corner.

Musicians also will perform at various times during the day. Then, starting at 7:30 p.m., a square dance will be held, featuring long-time emcee and square dance caller Richard

Annual gospel song fest is Aug. 17-18

The ninth annual gospel song fest at Angel Grove Park off Cranston Road KY-977 is Aug. 17-18. Times are Friday 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 10 p.m. Free soup beans and corn bread on Saturday.

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Cartoon, the 1999 Society of Professional Journalists' honorable mention for best editorial cartoon, and 3rd place for best editorial cartoon for the 2001 Society of Professional Journalists.

When the printed page becomes too confining, Reddick has painted wall murals in Florida and Japan. He has averaged six exhibitions of his paintings and cartoons a year for the last few years, from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to Anderson, Ind., most notably a 13-week, one-man show in 2000 at the

prestigious Anderson Fine Arts Center in Anderson, Ind., and a one-man show at 4 Star Gallery in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2001. Reddick's painting Love's Way was selected to appear on the cover of The Complete Idiot's Guide to Art Appreciation, to be tentatively published and internationally distributed by Macmillan Publishing.

Reddick attended the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis for a time before joining the U.S. Navy for four years, three of which were spent in Okinawa, Japan.

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