## Opinion \*

## Your newspaper

National Newspaper Week has slipped up on us again. The week, celebrated this yea from Oct. 7-13, is an annual observance dedicated to newspapers. We were so busy getting this week's paper ready we almost

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Newspapers today face many problems.
Rising postal costs and competition from newsless "shoppers" have driven some papers to the brink of bankruptcy. Government agencies and lobbying groups conspire to limit the amount and type of news a newspaper can offer to its readers. Television seems to have made a generation of non-readers who are only content when the Big Eye anesthetizes their alpha waves. Supply costs are rising with the national inflation.

But despite all these problems American newspapers survive and some even flourish. Week after week, day after day, newspapers give their readers what they want and in a form that allows them to refer to it time and again. No other media can make this statement: no other media has

been doing it for as long as newspapers.

The first American newspaper was published in Boston and lasted exactly one day before it was shut down by the British autorities who ruled the colonies. Ever since

public officials who wish to hide and obscure how they act in the public interest. Newspapers do this simply by printing the truth when they can find it and by printing pointed questions when the truth is veiled.

The newspaper is where you will find your child's birth notice and your grandparent's 50th wedding anniversary. It's where you'll find pictures of student achievers and fellow

citizens who are being honored.

It's where you'll find articles and pictures commemorating landmark events in a community's history. It's where you can put an ad to find a rifle or give away a kitten. It's a chronicle of a community's day-by-day events, instant history if you will. It's never perfect but seldom ignored. It's a vital link between your government and yourself, your proxy at council and board meetings in your

It's a rough life but most of us in it will tell ts a rough me out most of us in it will en-you that once you're involved any other job seems too tame, too restricted. It's long hours and late-breaking bulletins. It's the joy in a little girl's face when she'sees her picture or reads her name in the paper for the first time. It's all these and more. It's your newspaper and you may cuss and dis-cuss it but just try to live without it

## Agree or Not

# Solons ponder issues

time, there are some important legislative questions that are capturing the concern of legislative leaders who are likely to return for the 1980 session.

Chief among these are revising the workmen's ompensation acts, the budget and some consumer

The budget, which includes financial affairs, is getting a lot of attention from the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, not particularly the amount of money involved, but an effort for the legislature to gain more independence and have more control over

government spending.

They gained some strength over these affairs last session, but the fact remains that the governor has almost a free hand in spending after the legislature has gover home.

-True, government must stay within the budget of all departments where spending is concerned, but the place where the governor has dominance is in surplus

This almost amounts to giving the governor a slush fund that he can spend within his discretion if he stays

fund that he can spend within his discretion it he stays within the statutory and constitutional limit.

Theoretically speaking, any surplus received beyond the budgeted figures goes into the general fund and is supposedly carried over as a surplus for the next biennium budget. In practice, it doesn't always work

that way.

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projects or specific purposes which can approved program.

The governor also has the opportunity to shift money from a program that isn't using all of its allocated money to another program, probably in the

same category of government. The last legislative session, legislators tried to gain The last legislative Sesson, legislators three to gain some control over capital construction funds, one of the prime fields where money often is shifted. Legislators, want the interim Appropriations and Revenue Committee to approve construction projects not specifically funded in the budget. They made some head way on this score last session, but seem to want

Business and industry are complaining that Kentucky's workmen's compensation laws are much more expensive than surrounding states, and is driving some industry from the state and preventing new





Chemistry professor: "What can you tell me Student: "Well, er, they're a lot cheaper than day rates."

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Sincerely, Mary G. Sinders, Director

Warren R. Fisher, Publisher Carlisle Mercury

### Standard of living likely to decrease

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On the occasion of National Newspaper Week, October 7:31, I would like to express my appreciation to the control of the con

By Anthony Harrigan
The average Atherican is likely to see his standard of living drastically reduced in the 1980s.
That's the sound conclusion drawn by the Joint Economic

committee of the Congress.

The committee reached this conclusion after examining figures that reveal an alarming decline in productivity — that is, output per

Ten years ago, the productivity increased 5 per cent per year W.R. Jackson, chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh-Des

W.R. Jackson. chairman of the board of the Pitsburgh-De-Moines Seed Co., recently discussed this alarming revery has had a The reason for the reversal, he said, is that 'industry has he at regulation to generate the capital with which to buy the more efficient tools, and labor has become less inclined to put out full forton the job'. The plain Economic Committee desort have to look very far to find the cause of declining productivity. Congress has gone along with liberal presidents in imposing stagegring tax and regulatory burdens on business. The more Congress and the three is available to buy the improved machinery that results in there is available to buy the improved machinery that results in

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When the well runs dry...

A letter from a Mobile, Alabama company starts off with the salutation that Frederic was no gentleman...and goes on to explain that their business NATIONAL NEWSPAPER was not heavily damaged, but the lack of electrical power and reliable ASSOCIATION telephone communications was hampering them considerably.



Members of the Brushy Fork Black Powder Club fire \* their weapons during a recent club meeting. The club. which has grown to 13 members, is in the process of establishing a black powder firing range on the Clay Wildlife Management Area. —Mercury photo.

### KPA objects to regulations

FRANKPORT—Strong objections to cost of dong butters in a free a pair of regulations issued recently by the equilators agreed as the challenge these cost in terms been raised by the Kentucky Peres of calculating utility rates," he said, ascoulding citaling brailing utility rates, "he said, ascoulding citaling brailing utility rates," he said, ascoulding citaling brailing utility rates, "he said, ascoulding citaling the railing utility rates," he said, as the said of the size of the said of the

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government intruding on private rights without justification," said Paul E. Mick, president of KPA, and publisher of the weekly Crittenden Press at

Markins weekly. Chicago and the commission regulations restrict freedom of commissions that the commission of the control of t

learings were held on June 1. The RPA cotests were sent to the chairmen of he two state commissions. [Separate letters of protest also were ent to the two major party gubernator-al candidates, Democrat John Y. Brown, Jr. and Republican Louie B.

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"We have appealed to the future governor to use his authority to halt this sort of interference," Mick said. "KPA will not be satisfied until these regulations have been revoked," he said. "In truth," Mick said, "the cost of advertising is a part of the necessary



#### Future nurse

Mrs Jerry (Gail) Hughes of Catherine Street, Carlisle, is currently enrolled in the Maysville Community College nursing program. Mrs. Hughes is the mother of three children, Rodney, 11, Heather, 8, and Robbie, 3. She hopes to work at Nicholas County Hospital after receiving her RN degree. —MCC photo.

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#### Two from Nicholas

in UK Ag College

Two students from Nicholas County are enrolled this semester in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. The students and the departmental majors they are pursuing include: Kerin Gilkison – Ag Economics, and Sarah Hughes – Ag Economics,

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