

Opinion

Court and council commended for their prompt attention

It is seldom that a newspaper gets to run complimentary editorials about local government bodies two issues in a row. But we must give credit where credit is due. Last week we praised the stand taken by the School Board in increasing the requirements for graduation from Nicholas County High School. This week we must commend the prompt attention the Fiscal Court and the City Council have given the ambulance crisis in this county.

Their joint meeting last week was evidence of the gravity of the situation. But it would have been fatal (quite literally) to have delayed their attention to our local governments. They realized this fact, and acted quickly.

The appointment of task forces to study the ambulance situations in surrounding counties also seems like a sound idea. The old axiom "look before you leap" is nowhere more applicable than in a situation like this, where such vast sums of tax dollars are being discussed.

We must raise our questions, however, with several of the government officials as why no representative of the local mortuaries showed up for the meeting. As Magistrate Bob Livingston said, "I think those boys should have been here." We fully understand why they want out of the ambulance business, but the absence from Thursday's meeting was quite conspicuous. And we know more about running an ambulance service than anyone in the county, and had they attended the meeting, they could have doubtlessly answered innumerable questions about the

everyday problems of running an ambulance service. We would welcome a letter to the editor explaining the curious absence.

The bureaucratic headaches that are going to ensue in the county's fight for emergency medical service will no doubt be of nagging proportions. But as distasteful as those tasks may be, they are the kind of things our local politicians are paid to work out.

Although it is still too early to speak of anything about the situation with any degree of certainty, we were of the betting sort, our money would be placed on a wager that ambulance service in Nicholas County will not come without an increase in taxes. That seems pretty clear.

And, as you would suspect, from the likes of impartial journalists, we would prefer the referendum allowing the taxpayers a chance to choose their fate, over an imposed tax from the Fiscal Court.

Once again, we commend the prompt action taken by the City Council and the Fiscal Court in increasing the requirements for graduation from Nicholas County High School. This week we must commend the prompt attention the Fiscal Court and the City Council have given the ambulance crisis in this county.

A tale of two cities.

Those indolent Italians

In Rome on May 13, a Turkish terrorist named Mehmet Ali Agca shot Pope John Paul II and two bystanders in St. Peter's Square. The other day, at the end of a trial that took only two days to lay out the undisputed facts, the man was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Elapsed time: two months and 10 days. In Washington on March 29, a young man, W. H. Hinkley Jr. was arrested for shooting President Reagan and three others as they left a Washington hotel. The government was given 90

days to conduct psychiatric examinations of Mr. Hinkley, and has since requested and received an extension of time for the tests. Meanwhile a federal grand jury looking at the evidence in the case has returned no indictment, and no date has been set for a trial.

Elapsed time: nearly four months with the clock still running. The Italian government is no model of efficiency, but it knows how to handle a criminal case expeditiously.

The Idle Rambler

by James C. Smith

I spent last weekend visiting my old college roommate in his home state of Ohio. I must conceal the exact location of our rather boisterous reunion for fear that the Ohio State Police may happen across this writing.

My friend, Tim, had a most unusual experience last Friday evening before he came to meet me at the appointed location. His status as an impoverished graduate student at Ohio State University receiving a grant (not my old roommate in the less than desirable section of Columbus (not unlike the section of Huntington where we shared many a meager undergraduate repas). In this section on Columbus, the student can only be truly appreciated if you keep the slummiest setting in mind.

It seems that after getting off work early that evening, Tim hurried home and screamed into the parking lot behind his apartment building. He jumped from the car, no doubt without turning the lights off—as his worst is prone to do. Any way, as he was walking into his apartment he heard a spine chilling cry from a run down house across the alley that was emphasized granted street status by some drug-crazed OSU alumni who had risen to the position of city councilman.

Tim said the scream stopped him in his tracks. "Help, let me out," the tiny voice begged. The cry was speechless (Oh, for more of those moments). But he really had no idea what it was. As he stood there in a state of utter shock, the voice cried again, "Help me out!"

A neighbor came up to him as he was heading for his car and Tim proceeded to tell him what he had heard. The fellow only laughed and informed Tim what would happen if he didn't cut out the blasted jugs. Suddenly the frightened cry broke the white-noise-silence of the city.



Eye opase... or, a hospital bed is not tilted in your favor

I'd like to be a surgeon in Kentucky. When someone is carried off to a hospital, his whole family has to get up and set up a wake until they know their loved one is at least out of danger. It's a common sight to see a whole clan taking quarters' rights in a hospital waiting room, but in a patient's room when one of their kind is sick. A doctor having to answer on the spot questions from a patient's relatives is bound to become a bit of a nuisance.

But that patient could blow a hose or cause the TV to be overbald even over backwards. When admonished by the nurse that husbands and wives are not permitted such intimacy in the hospital, it does so to argue vigorously that you are not husband and wife. Nurses somehow feel that this is making the point.

In bad weather do not leave the hospital cold in your own hospital gown, the kind that ties in the back and flutters revealingly in any breeze. This is not an accident if by any stretch of the imagination. One man left a Michigan hospital in mid-winter in his skippy gown, the kind that ties in the back with his flapping gown. His skippy gown, the nurse got involved in her own gown or off duty and your teeth could occur over it and two or three celebrities came down with skinning rashes. The nurse caught a chill. The patient suffered no ill effects.

A pre-surgical suggestion: Women, get your hair done in the days before or after you have been prepared for your surgery. Man, the hair goes on your briefs or your favorite polka-dot undies. The same for shoes, socks, false eyelashes, makeup, hair rollers, jewelry, watches, lucky charms and trusses of all kind. When these no-ones are discovered in the operating room, they always become very nasty. They are not trafted out around undies and trusses and feel the lucky charm might offend the rabble's feet they carry in their pockets.

Fee for doctors. Do not, as a patient, expect a doctor to come to your bedside to the operating room to claim his dentures there, and most him in the recovery room. He is not to be conscious to slap them back in his jaws. Nurses sometimes get involved in their own gown or off duty and your teeth could occur over it and two or three celebrities came down with skinning rashes. The nurse caught a chill. The patient suffered no ill effects.

Agree or not Extending sales tax to thoroughbreds could put budget in winner's circle

By S.C. Van Curen

Gov. Brown is talking seriously of calling a special session of the legislature to deal with the anticipated revenue shortage of \$100 million to \$150 million for the next fiscal year that began July 1.

In this addition to the \$100 million that was cut last fiscal year, Chances are the legislature will be willing to reduce expenditures if the election is called before the November election, but they will be very reluctant to increase taxes, especially upon the general public.

In cases where they are in the mood to search for some new revenue for the state, they might look to the possibility of extending the five percent sales tax to the sale of thoroughbred horses.

The newspaper also quoted Jack Beard of Warren Farm as saying, "You can't judge the economy of the U.S. today by the horse business. They're cutting back on everything else, but they're always money for horses."

John Corbett, an Irish bloodstock agent, said at a cocktail party sponsored by Keeneland last week, "The afternoon and night sessions of the sale July 29 brought in more than \$18 million which would have produced a sales tax of \$900,000 which isn't exactly big in terms of the average citizen."

Kentuckians certainly know that the horse business is important to the state's economy. It is not just a hobby for the wealthy, it is a business that supports thousands of jobs and generates millions of dollars in revenue. The state's horse industry is a major economic asset, and any tax on it would be a significant blow to the industry and the state's economy as a whole.

Memory Lane

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Wilson, a noted horseman, passed on Thursday, July 24 at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Thelma Caswell, 29, and Elmer Hopper, 27, in Paris last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Thelma is the daughter of Mrs. Wm. J. Hopper, 101 N. 10th St., Paris, Mo. Mrs. Caswell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hopper, 101 N. 10th St., Paris, Mo.

DEED — Mrs. Annie Moore, 75 years old, died at her home in Flemington, Ky. on July 28. She was born in Ohio and is the wife of the late Mr. Wm. J. Moore.

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Close to three-quarters of all U.S. TV households (72.7 percent) watched more than one hour of television in March, according to data reported by C. Nielsen for the period March 1 through 29. This is the highest monthly cumulative audience in public television history.

Geographically, viewing in the East Central States increased by 14 percent in the course of the month. This figure, Nielsen reports, includes Kentucky.

The 7.7 percent cumulative audience (56,600 households) represents a seven percent increase over March 1980, the month that public television's prime time audience peaked at 68.2 percent.

Public television's prime time audience during March 1981 was also a homebound affair, with 52.8 percent of 42,600 households watching public television during prime time in the course of the month. This figure represents a nine percent increase from last March's prime time cumulative audience of 50.5 percent.

Additionally, public television viewing among certain groups has increased dramatically. Viewing in homes with persons holding less than a high school degree is up 14 percent, as is viewing by clerical and sales personnel, up 11 percent; in homes with teenagers, up 17 percent; and in homes with persons aged 65 or older, up 19 percent.

Down Memory Lane

Thursday, August 3, 1961

The 641 auction held last Saturday at the 1415 N. Louisville St., Nicholas County part of funds needed for the District #40 City, which is hoped will be located in this county. Paul Garrett, local businessman, donated \$400 to help of the fund-raising drive.

One of the directors of the Nicholas County Development Corporation announced Wednesday that Mr. and Mrs. Hainey Smith of Carlisle have agreed to make a substantial donation toward the wintering beach area of the lake development project.

— Lawrence Hartley, 47, of Amelia, Ohio, Nicholas County native, July 28 in Cincinnati. Mrs. Nellie B. Rose, 84, of 2815 W. Wisconsin.

Thursday, July 31, 1941

R.S. Kavanaugh, 16, son of Holla Kavanaugh, suffered a fatal motorcycle accident about eight miles north of Lexington on Thursday. Mrs. BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kennedy Dale, 80, Friday at her home in Carlisle. Mrs. Lela Bishop, Friday at Johnson Memorial Nursing Home, 80, of Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Donald Hinkle, 18, Cincinnati, Ohio, died July 29 at his home in Lexington, Ky. Mrs. BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard

An editor's random thoughts . . .

by Warren R. Fisher Sr.

August 1, 1981

Comes August, bringing to some thoughts of "dog days," of the green sun on ponds, dusty trails, dry fields, and the waltzers of more by a growing bluish and gray of days greeding the inevitable "taking up school" in September. Carefree hours of "linked sweetness," though "not long drawn out," how August did slip away and what a glorious month it was! Our friend, Will Ardery, says "I got up this morning and I was already vocal in the face of approaching change."

Now Nature, like a wholesome mother, blessed with many children, offers a fulfillment of her destiny, folds her hands for a space and enjoys the completion of her fecundity. The smiling and yet there is a sadness in her smile, for the leaves of the poplar already begin to drift to earth and here and there in field and forest, acutely noticeable in the leaf's abundance of her maturity, there are appearing warnings of Change.

In the thought that it is but change, may not we, her human children, find solace, and achieve the healing comfort of a simple faith!

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass another thought, as we see that grows, Its fragrance like a betterment, its fullness like a seed that sows." — Keats

Keats might have said, had he looked into the glossy leaved heart of the sugar maple, whose leaves come with the wind, they break and near which we write. The sunlight is flickered through the cool depths of its greenery and a gentle breeze gives life to the air, the sun and fall of leafy branches. And in the leaf after all is this illusion, for trees are breathing, the sunlight and the air that they breathe, the chemical changes which send back a risen sap transformed to nourish root and bark and wood and life. Just what we need to see the We have sap rises, defying all laws of gravity, it will not be learned, just now a bird sings her delightful repertoire from a swaying branch

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