

Right to know under attack

House Bill 423, an insidious piece of legislation introduced at the behest of the Kentucky Municipal League, would make it more difficult for you to know how city government spends your tax dollars.

Opinion

As of Monday, the bill was in the house cities committee chaired by Rep. Hank List of Lexington. It had not yet been passed. House rules require a bill to be passed for three days before it is acted on.

The KML claims that Kentucky cities are hard pressed for cash and don't have the money to make it easy for you to know how our money is spent by the officials we elected.

Ironically, the Kentucky Press Association offered to have legislation introduced which would save cities from 19 to 42 percent in financial publication costs. But, the KML wouldn't go along with that and greatly liked House Bill 423 placed in the legislative hopper.

HB 423 would provide that cities publish an

audit statement, but as any citizen knows who has read an audit statement, it tells little and can hide a lot. A pitiful substitute toward telling the people how their money is being spent.

The press association also offered to allow citizens and the publications to observe the audit, but KML officials turned down that offer, leading us to wonder whether cost of financial publications is the issue or reluctance to be open with the taxpayer.

It becomes obvious that the Kentucky Municipal League has forgotten that Abraham Lincoln once said, "Let the people know the facts and the country will be safe."

The perpetrators of this attempt to make it difficult for the people to know the facts about city government expenditures deserve the wrath of an angry citizenry.

Pity the illiterate congress

Now that April 15 is approaching, can madmen be far behind? No, and here are the latest news from the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS heard the clear call from the Reagan administration to cut back on expenditures. It has related its agenda can no longer afford to complete tax forms for the nation's taxpayers — a free service it has offered the past few years.

From now on it's do-yourself time for those filling out their tax papers. The IRS says it will only be able to conduct classroom sessions — and perhaps a satellite television show or two — for groups of people puzzled by their income tax forms.

The IRS, however, will make exception to the

new rule for three groups — the blind, the illiterate and members of Congress. These groups will continue to get special service.

The IRS fully intended to stop the congressional service and close its two offices on Capitol Hill. It was forced to back off because Congress would not accept the cost.

At first we were dismayed about the second IRS privilege for congressmen. But on occasion they've paid for their own taxes.

When asked if the governor is getting the same treatment as the state's audit under an executive order by the governor last year.

However, and not this, Adjutant General Billy Williams asked for \$100,000 in his budget to purchase two copies and transmission for the Model 578 Sikorsky explained in the June 1980.

Williams' explanation to the Capital Construction and Equipment Purchase Oversight Committee in December that the \$100,000 request is "a requirement of the Federal Aviation Administration."

Williams' request indicates the governor does want to keep the helicopter.

The letters you've occasionally work in during job interviews, Snolik said, adding, "Some of the places I've gone, people look at me and go, 'You've been here before!'"

With so many non-millennials out of work in Snolik's part of the state, it would be unusual if people didn't look at him that way. There are many millionaires who would be happy to change places with him.

Snolik admits he's "not going to lose anything or starve," but he contends that "ineactivity isn't any good for you, either."

Well, maybe not. But in Snolik's case that's a million-dollar maybe. Besides, Snolik has a consolation prize. He also receives unemployment benefits.

A million-dollar maybe

What's a guy to do? Just because he wins a few bucks in the state lottery and people find out about it, he has trouble finding it.

It is not Paul Snolik of Pittsburgh, Pa., really needs work at this time. The 29-year-old bachelor is a millionaire, set to receive \$500,000 a year for 30 years courtesy of the Pennsylvania Lottery.

But Snolik, who lives with his parents in Creighton, just northeast of Pittsburgh, says he wants to work. He claims he never expected an early retirement, even after he won his big prize last July 18.

He employer apparently had other ideas. Snolik was laid off from his job delivering beer six weeks after coming up a big winner in the lottery. Although he had worked for the distributor for about five years, he had the least

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury:

As I promised you earlier, Blue Grass Medical Services would communicate with you and the citizens of Nicholas County in regards to the status of the ambulance service. Since we have approved for almost a month, we can give you some facts and information. It is rather than come back and forth from one area I wish to number each separately and briefly discuss them.

1. Number of Transfers: We have had 23 transfers of far, of which only one (1) was a non-emergency. This is a little less than anticipated due to the fact that we based our projection on; however we feel the number of transfers should increase in the future.

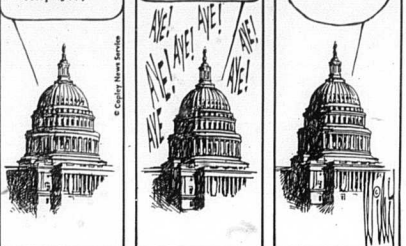
2. Inspection by Department of Human Resources: We have submitted the proper documents to Licensing and Regulation in the Frankfort and hope to be inspected soon. We had hoped they would inspect us in early January but this type of inspection apparently is not that high priority as other types and I am sure they will get around to us as soon as possible.

WRITING THE EDITOR: Express Your Opinion

Blue Grass Medical Services

something MUST be done to relieve the economic burden on the American taxpayer!

how about a 975 per day tax write-off for Congressmen and Senators? charity begins at home, ya know.



Agree or not It's not so much the helicopter, as the way he went about it

Gov. John Y. Brown isn't planning to bring to the question asked, "The governor has referred it to the legislature," Williams said. "No, he's just leaving it to me."

House Speaker Bobby Richardson's answer to the possible action was, "The state needs the plane, and the legislature are going ahead and buying it." Richardson said he intended to put the money in the budget. Senate Majority Leader Joe Wright said essentially the same thing.

The legislature is going to put the money on the back, Richardson said. "You haven't got time to play games with him," Shumate said the suggestion that the governor be required to call the legislature for the appropriation.

The plane has been a controversial issue since February 1981 when the Oversight Committee determined.

"Since the Sikorsky did not appear at the meeting to discuss the program and major items of equipment proposed, the purchase of the Sikorsky was not authorized."

The legality of the purchase has been constantly questioned by individuals and the press, but the question has never been settled in court.

In a recent meeting of the committee, it was pointed out, "The Sikorsky should appear as an item in the budget request for 1982 as a major item of equipment. This is required by RC 16-2-20 through 43-80."

The date entered into an eight-year lease-purchase contract for a Model 50 Sikorsky helicopter in June 1981. I guess him a worthy peer. But Marchman, albeit not so chaste in his phrasing.

To my stop, costing my wife a fortune. I'm not so hot as might be for good either, but filled with hope by the promise of the rain. I manage to get off the roof. The quality that has weighed upon me for many months past. So, at this, that and other, with all the variations which constitute one's in a country print, you,

for a term of years, and the new firm will open a confederacy on the building early in March.

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Op-Ed page

The end is near . . . Someone will punch wrong panic button on his wristwatch

Dreading such as brightly as stupidity, I bought one of the digital chronographs to wear on your wrist. The directions are printed in four languages and I have been able to understand.

I'm surprised the world if I would never depress one or more of the little pink-plastic buttons that project from the four corners of the watch. The time, in hours, minutes, seconds. The time in military 24-hour time. To remember, the design of which is a copy of a few buttons, designated ST, G2, S3, S4, S4. I pushed a button and the right light came on. So, I pushed a couple more and the second hand began to blink. Frankly, I pushed other buttons. Blackish-black-black. It was blowing a fuse, I was sure. Maybe even self-destruct in so many minutes.

I showed it at my son. Who knew about complicated things. I need never learn how to use the thing if you don't do it yourself. The zero on must have jumped because that's all I got. "I know I haven't broken the damned thing," I said to him. "Please, please help me. I want to know what time it is. I don't care about the alarm, or the last time or about the moonrise in Vienna, Peking or Northern Siberia, just the time of day right here."

Maybe he remembered the Fourth Commandment. He took the watch and glanced for a few seconds at the instructions. There was a lot of woe in his voice. "This is simple," he said. "Any sick operation it. Here, look. And he began to push pins. The screen read 3:17 p.m. He pushed more pins: 15:17. That's military time, he said. I was in awe.

If you want to use the stopwatch, he said, do so. If you want the alarm, set it. Get it focused much about Rose-Hulman. But some of the fellows there have put out a big poster reflecting that all of those arms and legs have "dampened their whacky brand of Hoosier humor."

On the front side of the travel-style poster is a blow-up of a guy in his overalls kicking recklessly across a corn field made to look like a breathtakingly beautiful sunset. The guy is wearing a "Ski Terse Haute" is emblazoned in big letters over the top. The guy carries a popgun of information about Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, which confronts the school's insurance problems.

Terse Haute, the Queen City of the Washburn Valley, is nestled in the foothills of Western Indiana's reclaimed strip mine pits. It begins.

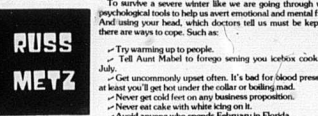
Food? Our food service is the envy of every college in the Midwest. Each week 18 gourmet meals are served in our modern, well-kept mess hall, where meals has been virtually eliminated.

Owned upward.

Russian clarinet, we triumphantly add two trumpets. Therefore, whenever we sit down at the table with them, we can respond from strength. Our trump card is that we have the capability of knocking out the neutrinos of Western Russia within a radius of 30 miles. Even the father of John Philip Sousa on the enemy will raise wars.

The Pentagon is very excited about our new Pencil Model 2.3-IX trousers. The design of which is a copy of a defector hiding on the brass sections of the Woody Herman band. We have come a long way from the Civil War when a knee bagger sounded "charge." Today we have enough trumpets and basses from West Germany alone to bring down the Berlin wall. We have clearly hidden in braun graders and beer halls where they ump-pah unmp-pah until the day of Operation Deterrence. Let the nasty Russians raise their guns in anger. We'll blast them so smartly they won't know whether it is live or on Mentocore.

—RM—



To survive a severe winter like we are going through we need psychological tools to help us avert emotional and mental frosts. And using your head, which doctors tell us must be kept warm, there are ways to cope. Such as:

- Try warming up to people. —Tell Aunt Mabel to forget sending you lobster cookies until July. —Get uncommonly upset often. It's bad for blood pressure, but at least you'll get hot under the collar or boiling mad. —Never get cold feet on any business proposition. —Never eat cake with white icing on it. —Avoid anyone who spends February in Florida. —If overworked, refrain from complaining about being "snoozed under."

- When upset by someone, do not vent your frustration by telling the pest to "cool it."
- Give anyone reflecting the dull force a headcut.
- Try not to think about polar bears and eskimos.
- Flip your calendar over to July.
- When someone says something about a wage or price freeze, say "I'm glad to hear you work and someone tells you 'don't sweat it.' tell him to mind his own business and sweat if he wants to, making sure it is for a cold sweat."
- Try to imagine the actor on your face is best hard.
- Consider the possibility of becoming an undercover agent.
- Call your insurance agent and ask him about blanket coverage.

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An editor's random thoughts...

By Warren R. Fisher Sr. Presently in the Fort and stop to be trimmed by Fulton, the barber, who resides in an amusing tale of his experiences in the West, and of his having been hanged for heresy by mistake. The author is a hilarious one year ago. Perhaps I grew old, in very truth, and my daughter's sweet compliment of breakfast time was not the vertiginous flutter. And I read and re-read these lines from Jung, grandly has your years, and back now to my proper body of pawn broker in the middle forties.

For we who are tax-payers as well as immortal souls must live by public evasions and formalde and catchwords that fret away our lives like rocks waste a garment, we fall ignorantly to our knees.

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The Idle Rambler

An article in the Richmond (Va.) States Dispatch, sent along by Margaret Gallaway (my long-time correspondent) told me that the 19th anniversary of the Committee on Doleback is to be held in the local post office, has been named as successor and taken over the local agency for the Metropolitan Police Department.

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Down Memory Lane

Norton sells Maple Street restaurant

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