

Opinion

Are we better off?

The following comparison of marketbasket food prices between October 1984 and October 1980 shows that check food price levels in Kentucky today with those just prior to the last national election. They are not intended as a commentary on the election, but Mercury readers may find them interesting.

In the "Are You Better Off?" spirit of the current election season, a check of food prices from four years ago shows that Kentuckians are paying an average of 4.5 percent more for their groceries today than they were the month prior to the last presidential election.

The 46-item marketbasket used by Farm Bureau surveys cost \$63.6 in October 1980, compared to this month's \$67.0. The four-year total increase of 5.3 percent reflects an

average yearly hike of 1.62 percent, just over a point and a half.

A similar check of farm prices then and now shows farmers are currently earning less real income than they were four years ago. The Department of Agriculture's index of prices received by farmers stands at 139, compared to 141 in the October 1980 report. The figures are percentages of 1977 average prices.

But farm prices for the first 10 months of 1984 compare more favorably with those from four years ago. The average index for 1984 to date is 143, compared to the 140-month pre-election average for 1980 of 131.

The major difference in the one-month and 10-month figures: in 1980 the October figure was the highest for the year, but in 1984, the October figure is the low point for the year.

Children are the winners

We wouldn't hazard a guess on the outcome of next Tuesday's school board election, but one thing is for sure: The voters' choice of school board members has stimulated the thinking process of many parents.

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GET OUT THERE AND VOTE, YOU LAZY JERK—YOU MIGHT ABOUT AS MANY POLITICIANS AND BIG MONEY BUYING ELECTIONS BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE OFF YOUR FAT BUSTY-DUSTY TO HELP CHANGE THINGS—THE AMERICAN VOTING BEHAVIOR IS AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE!



FORGET IT MAJ, DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME. MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE—WHO WANTS TO GET COOPED UP IN A FIVE-YEAR BOXER?—BESIDES, YOU DON'T KNOW PROGRESSION, KAY? YOU'RE THE COUNTRY LUGGERS THROUGH SOMEHOW

...and more...

Agree or not Registration gains an omen?

It is an omen, it is an omen, it is an omen... The registration drive has gained momentum... Many voters are participating... The turnout is higher than in previous years... This is a sign of a more engaged electorate...

Down Memory Lane Letcher falls from top of barn

Down Memory Lane... Letcher's fall from the top of the barn... The incident has caused a stir in the community... Many are questioning the decision... The board has made a difficult choice...

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Op-Ed page

Prefer car over your wife? ...how about your dog, or pocket knife knife?

Do you prefer your car over your wife? ...how about your dog, or pocket knife knife? ...the husband's perspective on marital issues...

Russ Metz

Russ Metz... The author discusses various topics including family, community, and personal observations. He shares his thoughts on the challenges of modern life and offers insights into human behavior.

4-H agent predicts 'great year'

4-H agent predicts 'great year'... The agent expresses optimism about the future of the 4-H program in the region, citing increased participation and community support.

Friday deadline for all letters

Friday deadline for all letters... Readers are reminded that all letters to the editor must be received by the newspaper on Friday to be included in the following issue.

May I Have Your Attention?

May I Have Your Attention?... A notice regarding a community meeting or event, inviting residents to participate and share their input.

The Dairy Queen Closing

The Dairy Queen Closing... Announcement of the closing of a Dairy Queen location, with information about the final sale and the new owners.

Letters

Letters... A collection of reader correspondence, including comments on local news, opinions on community issues, and personal stories.

Red Hot Specials

Table listing various food items and their prices, including Pepsis, IGA Sugar, Gold Medal Flour, and various meats and produce.

Think PRODUCE

Table listing fresh produce items like Cauliflower, Bananas, and Red Grapes with their respective prices.

With the Time Change (Oct. 28)

With the Time Change (Oct. 28)... Information regarding the time change and its effect on local schedules and events.

Purvis's Old Folks Sausage

Table listing Purvis's Old Folks Sausage products and their prices, including Deli Bologna and Pickle Loaf.

Think BAKERY DELI

Table listing bakery and deli items like Potato Salad and other prepared foods with their prices.